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Ivar Clark To Speak On Miss. Radio Hour



REV. IVAR L. CLARK

Rev. Ivar L. Clark, pastor of the Spring Creek church, Neshoba county, will be the speaker on the Mississippi Baptist Radio Hour Sunday afternoon November 21, at 2:30 CST over the following stations:

WSLI, Jackson; WCBI, Columbus; WMOX, Meridian; WROB, West Point; WLO, Tupelo; WROX, Clarksdale; WLAU, Laurel; WHOC, Philadelphia; WLOX, Biloxi; WAPF, McComb; KWEM, West Memphis; WVBM, Brookhaven.

Convention Changes Constitution, OK's Hospital Debt

"Getting His Goat"

By W. B. ALEXANDER, Cleveland

"Getting his goat", may be just an old saying in some sections. But in Boyle, Miss., some men have discovered they "get the goat" if they neglect their attendance on the Men's class in that Sunday school.

President J. Y. Salley secured a goat which he announced to the men, would be awarded to any member absent from the class without a good excuse. That member would be expected to "entertain Billy" until he brought a new member into the fold, who would attend two Sundays straight. When a member was to be absent to avoid entertaining the goat, he arranged for his "excuse" to be sent in to the class. The class votes to accept or reject the excuse. The physician in the group was voted "exempt" as "goat keeper" due to his professional calls.

Interesting it is to note that the wives of the members are taking increased interest in helping their husbands attend class. (Some wondered

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Says Memorial Hospital Exceeded Authority; Davis Stresses, Christian Home

Jackson, Nov. 15—Baptists thronged Jackson as the 113th annual session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention convened in the First Baptist Church here tonight. The large auditorium was well filled as President Aubert J. Wilds started the Convention exactly on time and kept it there. Features of the opening session were: The President's address by Mr. Wilds; the Convention sermon by Dr. Webb Brame and the naming of the influential Committee on Committees.

The address of President Wilds and the Convention sermon by Dr. Webb Brame appear on page one of this issue.

Rev. C. W. Thompson of Aberdeen was named chairman of the Committee on Committees. Others named to that committee were: Rev. R. A. Morris, Newton; Rev. James Fairchild, Collins; Rev. R. R. Briggance, Gloster; Rev. J. W. T. Siler, Arcola; Dr. I. D. Eavenson Marks and Rev. J. M. Metts, Winona. This committee later made a partial report naming the following committees:

Resolutions: G. O. Parker, Carthage; Joel Studivant, Merigold; Wilford M. Lee, Leland; Frank Purser, Oxford; J.

B. Dorrah, Slate Springs; G. M. Day, Durant; Vernon May, Mt. Olive.

Order of Business: Glen E. Wiley, Grenada; David Cranford, Indianola; Norman Price, Jackson; Wilbur S. Smith, Starkville; James Parris, Laurel; John Maddox, Magnolia; D. D. Satterwhite, Houston.

Nominations: Fred Bookter, McComb; W. L. Marsh, Sunflower; Robert Martin, Batesville; R. B. Patterson, Pontotoc; C. C. Weaver, DeKalb; B. T. Bishop, Meadville; Guy Little, Columbia.

Review of Convention Board Report: M. E. Perry, Greenville; F. V. McFarbridge, Coldwater; W. P. Davis, Hollandale; G. C. Hodge, Biloxi; W. A. Hogan, Bay Springs; J. R. Davis, New Albany; W. W. Kyzar, Columbia.

Review of Christian Education Committee: J. C. Murphy; Wayne Alliston, (Continued on Page Two)

JESUS WAITS FOR A LEADER SAYS PRESIDENT WILDS

Challenges Miss. Baptists to Go Forward

Convention President Aubert J. Wilds, in his address to the Mississippi Baptist Convention thrilled the crowded auditorium of the First Church as he challenged Mississippi Baptists to go forward. Mr. Wilds emphasized three points: 1. What Christ did; 2. What we are doing; 3. What they will do. He emphasized the following facts: 1. Jesus was interested in the souls of men; 2. Jesus was interested in the bodies of men; 3. Jesus was interested in the intellectual man; 4. Christ was interested in the emotional man.

"He waits for the leader in each church to speak the Word," said Mr. Wilds. "Shall we not strip for the race that is set before us, ever looking unto Christ who is the Author and finisher of our faith. Mississippi Baptists are on the march and our General is Christ." The address in full follows:

THE WORK THAT JESUS BEGAN

Exodus 14:15b "Speak to the children of Israel that they go forward," continues to be challenging words to

the people of God and we believe God is issuing that order to all His present day leaders. My subject is "The Work That Jesus Began," and the divisions of my message are: 1. What Jesus

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AUBERT J. WILDS

Jesus Is The Answer Says Dr. Webb Brame In Convention Sermon

Using as his Convention sermon text, "Who Art Thou, Lord"—"I Am Jesus" (Acts 9:5), Dr. Webb Brame, pastor of the First Church, Yazoo City, in a heart warming sermon to the Mississippi Baptist Convention at its opening session on Monday night, asserted that his text was the \$64 question and that the answer was the million dollar question.

The speaker asserted that Christianity was the sinner's answer, the answer for a weary world and the answer for our church needs today. The sermon follows:

THE ANSWER OF THE AGES—JESUS

Text: Acts 9:5. "Who art thou, Lord?"—"I am Jesus."

That was a great question Saul asked that day on his way into old Damascus. A question that has been asked on through these many years since that eventful meeting. We can-

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DR. WEBB BRAME

CIRCULATION THIS WEEK, 62,310

CONVENTION CHANGES

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Florence; C. B. Hamlet, III, Winona; A. A. Ward, Centerville; E. C. Edwards, McComb; Landon Miller, Brookhaven; D. L. Hill, Corinth.

Review of Social Service: Sidney Johnson, Jackson; Nat Tracy, Ruleville; Percy Herring, Hernando; Grady Smith, Jackson; J. E. Aldridge, Duckhill; M. D. Morton, Crystal Springs; S. R. Woodson, Columbus.

Time, Place, Preacher: W. L. Day, Louisville; W. S. Hardin, Drew; J. A. Barnhill, Jackson; F. J. Chastain, Poplarville; D. O. Horne, Monticello; Ed Hurst, Laurel; R. Y. Gerrard, Morton.

Baptist Foundation: O. P. Estes, Pica-yune; R. A. Tullis, Greenwood; Thomas Brand, Newton; D. M. Metts, Sr., Ma-ben; Ray Dykes, Tylertown; John Barrow, Becker; Carey Cox, West Point.

Temperance: Wayne Todd, Jackson; Guy Reedy, Sardis; A. H. Childress, Lula; H. A. Milner, Jackson; Ira R. Metts, Ackerman; Walter Beard, Trail Lake; G. E. Wells, Magnolia.

Radio: A. L. Gatewood, Itta Bena; W. L. Compere, Jackson; Gordon Sansing, Booneville; Cecil Travis, Jackson; James Algood; E. R. Pinson, Newton; Wm. G. Watson, Louisville.

Aged Ministers: Joe Odle, Gulfport; Bryan Simmons, Hazelhurst; W. B. Abel, Meridian; Noel Kennedy, Morgan City; J. C. Pinson, Osyka; Phil J. Walker, Vicksburg; J. H. Street, Laurel.

If the number of new pastors is a true index, there were fewer pastoral changes the past year than the year before. There were approximately one-half as many new pastors introduced at this session as at the 1947 session.

Among the new pastors introduced were: I. D. Eavenson, Foy Rogers, S. A. Salter, Irving Brown, Stanley Smith, Johnny Foy, Harold Kelly, Norris Q. Geer, James Yarborough, L. W. Stanger, Aubrey Moore, W. H. Haines, William P. Davis, Wayne Todd, Wilfred Lee, Wm. Steelman.

Reporting for the American Bible Society, Rev. Thomas T. Holloway of Dallas, said that the past year was the greatest in the history of the Society. More than nine million scriptures were distributed throughout the world and more than four million in the United States. Two and one-half million Scriptures were distributed in war-torn areas including 150,000 to the Japanese in the Japanese language and 10,000 in Russian that actually reached Russia.

Mr. Holloway said that of the total gifts of \$818,943 received by the Society, \$91,740 was given by Southern Baptists.

Preceding the annual sermon, the Blue Mountain Glee Club under the direction of Dr. Steven Barwick, director and Mrs. J. E. Buchanan, organist, rendered two numbers and the octet one number. Their music was up to the usual high standard set by previous Blue Mountain groups.

At the Tuesday morning session the Baptist Hospital at Jackson was granted permission to go in debt in order to purchase land for badly needed expansion.

Harvey Hedgepeth, vice president of the board of trustees, explained that the hospital now spent approximately \$50,000 per year for laundry. He also emphasized the urgent need for parking space for people visiting hospital patients. Congressman Will M. Whittington offered an amendment to Article VII of the constitution in accordance with the notice given by the special committee last year to-wit: "Strike out the following paragraph of said Article VII: 'The executive committee shall be the trustees

DIAMOND FOR SALE

RICHMOND, Va.—(BP)—For Sale: One Diamond Ring.

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is advertising for a buyer who will convert to cash a handsome ring contributed toward the Board's far-flung operating expense.

"Unfortunately," says Treasurer E. P. Buxton, "missionaries' salaries can't be paid in rings; they must have cash, and if this ring could be converted into money it would keep a missionary on the field for 12 months."

"That was the hope of the donor. She didn't have the dollars, but she wanted to contribute to the cause of Christ. She believed somebody would help her convert her precious jewel into usable cash."

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The evangelism of enduring spiritual power is based upon and saturated with the effective teaching of gospel truths. This fact calls for a new recognition of the importance of teaching the Bible and for a more aggressive program along this line in our churches. The teachers in the Sunday schools are at the very center of this responsibility . . . Clifton J. Allen in *The Teacher*.

or members of the Baptist Education Commission' and insert in lieu thereof the following: 'The members or trustees of the Baptist Education shall be elected by the convention as provided by charter of the commission.'

For the past few years the executive committee of the convention board, which is elected by the convention board, has acted as the Education Commission. The effect of this action is that hereafter the Education Commission will be elected by the convention instead of by the convention board.

The orphanage report showed 22 employees in addition to Superintendent W. G. Mize. There are 155 children now at the orphanage. During the past year a laundry building has been completed and equipped, a school bus, a farm truck and a pickup truck purchased. Rev. W. L. Meadows presented the Social Service report which included the orphanage report. Supt. Mize presented a group of the orphanage children in a musical program that was touching.

It was recommended that \$350,000 given by the trustees of the Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, for the establishment of an orphanage at Memphis be returned to the hospital for the following reasons:

1. The hospital trustees acted beyond their authority.
2. The hospital trustees made major change without presenting it to either of the three states concerned.
3. The action caused friction, therefore could not succeed.
4. The hospital needs these funds for material improvements.

A. L. Goodrich editor of *The Baptist Record*, said that the circulation of *The Baptist Record* had reached an all-time high of 62,310 and that according to business manager, Dr. D. A. McCall, last year's profits were \$14,401.

The closing address of the Tuesday morning session was delivered by Dr. F. Gibson Davis, pastor of Temple Church, Memphis. Dr. Davis spoke on "The Christian Home." He mentioned four things necessary for a happy Christian home:

1. Reverence for God's Word.
2. Observance of the Sabbath.
3. Dedication of children.
4. Family prayer.

O. P. Moore Accepts Position At Clarke Memorial College



DR. O. P. MOORE

Dr. O. P. Moore for the past six years pastor of the First Church at Moorhead has come to Clarke Memorial College as Alumni Secretary and Director of Public Relations. Dr. Moore has been doing some special work in this field for Clarke College for the past two years. Now he is to use his time in this capacity.

Dr. Moore is a native of Neshoba County and a graduate of Mississippi College. He received his Doctor of Theology degree from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He has held pastorates at Florence and Star, New Augusta, Moorhead, and at at Natalbany, Louisiana.

For the past six years, Dr. Moore has pastored in Sunflower, where Sunflower Junior College is located. He is well acquainted with Junior college work. He is living now in the city of Newton until a dwelling can be built on the college campus.

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OREGON BAPTISTS SPLIT INTO TWO GROUPS

PORTLAND, Ore.—(RNS)—Representatives of 51 of this state's 90 Baptist churches were ousted from the Oregon Baptist State Convention here by a 212 to 171 vote.

The ousted representatives are members of the conservative element among Baptist churches. They have long evinced dissatisfaction with the "modernistic" and "liberal" activities of their parent organization, the Northern Baptist Convention.

Their ouster was presaged some time ago when the state board of control of the Oregon Baptist Convention passed a resolution declaring that only those churches cooperating with the tenets of the Northern Baptist Convention would be admitted to the state convention.

The state board's committee on credentials and enrollment then passed on every member church in the state, disqualifying many of them.

When the Convention met here a bitter three-hour fight ensued, with the conservatives losing a motion to seat them. Only qualified delegates were allowed to vote, according to reports.

Members of the orthodox group charged that the conservatives failed to cooperate with the Northern Baptist Convention and had sent their own missionaries into the field.

Following the vote, the conservatives issued a rally call and those ousted assembled at the Hinson Memorial Baptist Church where they appointed a seven-man committee to make plans for future action.

"GETTING HIS GOAT"

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if perhaps the wives really had to "keep the goat" when their husbands "got" him.) One member, rather than "keeping the goat" in the conventional manner purchased him for \$25 and acquired him permanently, which necessitated the securing of another one by the class.

In a town of 702 population, the Men's Bible class with the goats assistance has an attendance ranging from 42 to 59 per Sunday. W. B. Alexander, Bolivar County lawyer and teacher of the class for 20 years says, "Many experiences through the years have been interesting. The men are always coming up with different ideas. But the 'getting of the goat' has been just about the limit to date. It is not recommended by the fellows, however, except as a plan for rural areas, for practical reasons, since they endorse the using of 'Billy goats' exclusively."

The Bible has a great deal to say about goats, and the following are some passages: Deut. 14:4; Gen. 27:9; Prov. 27:27; I Sam. 19:13; Exodus 26:7.

—BR—

Stewardship Goals Exceeded At First Church, Newton

It was my privilege to conduct a Stewardship Revival for Pastor R. A. Morris and the Newton Baptist Church from October 31 to November 7. The Lord greatly blessed the meeting even from the beginning service. The deacons and his entire church stood faithfully by the visiting preacher straight through the meeting.

We always set goals for the closing Sunday of these Stewardship Revivals. This demonstrated: (1) the loyalty of the membership of the church to the Sunday School and the worship service; (2) the Sunday School as the church's best means for the promotion of the financial program; (3) the unified budget system of finance, with one envelope a week with the tithe as a minimum, brought to the first service attended; and (4) God's financial plan—"tithes and offerings."

The Sunday School had a goal of 555. The visiting preacher set a "Tithes and Offerings" goal of \$1,299.99—nearly \$600.00 more than the average receipts per week. We had 575 in Sunday School with 559 six-point record system envelopes. The receipts for the day reached not \$1,299.99 but \$1,868.81—more than two and one-half times what they normally were before the Stewardship Revival. In addition to this manifestation of God's blessings on the meeting, we had 365 tithers and on Sunday evening after the visiting preacher had gone, Miss Pearl Caldwell, missionary to China spoke. There were three Indian girls, students in Clarke College, volunteered for foreign mission service, two people joined by letter and one consecration.

The Newton congregation is to begin soon their new church home. When completed and equipped it will cost around \$160,000.

B. C. LAND,

Executive Secretary, The Mississippi Baptist Foundation.

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The Baptist Record is grateful to L. S. Stafford, Secretary and treasurer of the Mt. Vernon Church, Newton County, who recently sent a nice list of renewal subscriptions for *The Baptist Record*.

Mississippi Baptists — Your Secretary Says:

"Love Never Fails." I Corinthians 13:8

I
We are losing some men from the Convention Board who on the human side have helped bring Mississippi Baptist life to its very best. However, we still have them with us in service for which we are thankful.

We have some mighty fine men coming onto the Board for which we are thankful. They will be challenged by the accomplishments of the past and the call of the future. "We are workers together with God." 2 Corinthians 6:1.

II
For the unparalleled Co-operative Program gains we are indebted to the leadership of the Convention Board Co-operative Program Committee in the persons of: F. M. Purser, M. P. Jones, Virgil Ratcliff, J. B. Smith, and Kermit Canterbury.

III
Satan has been through the years hurling his artillery at the heads and hearts of God's people. See some things he hurled in our day.

1. The devil hurled depression. People get discouraged and restless in times of depression. They pity themselves and hide behind it to keep from doing their duty. We were never as poor as some of us imagined.

2. The devil hurled division. In Galatians 5, division and strife are listed in the same category with lust and liquor. Many church folks do not believe it but it is true. Should Co-operative Program money be spent to send a fellow over the state stirring up strife?

3. The devil hurled debt. We were not paying interest on our debt at times. A member of the Education Commission told of a sad event. Two widows came with their attorneys demanding monies their husbands had invested in Mississippi Baptist Education Commission bonds.

4. The devil hurled defeat. Our people were broken and defeated in spirit. Multitudinous times we heard, regarding payment of the debt, "It can't be done."

God always has a way out and up to victory for his willing people. By "willing" we do not speak as a farmer did of two mules. He said one was willing to pull the load. The other mule was "willing" to let the first one pull the load.

God did something for His people. Problems were solved. Prosperity came. Prayer was made. Preaching was magnified. People were visited. Plans were extended. Personnel was multiplied. Peace and harmony were realized. Progress unparalleled everywhere resulted. Doxology!

We are now ready to scale new heights for Christ.

IV
Would you like to make a study of the church at Philippi, seemingly Paul's favorite church? The volume, "Courier of God's Grace" by Adam will prove profitable.

Vance Havner gives a personal testimony in the volume, "That I May Know Him."

"Our Inheritance of Salvation" by Brownville is a book of sermons just off the press.

These may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store.

V
The Christian way according to the Scriptures, "being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it." I Corinthians 4:12.

The Christ way is, "Who when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously." I Peter 2:23. In all of our experience we know of no group of people having so completely dedicated themselves in the spirit of the above as has been ex-

emplified in the Executive Committee of the Convention Board. In such prominent position they have been subjected to criticism at times but always they say, "Let others do what they will but for us let us stay at the main thing." We have heard them say again and again, "Let us preach the word, let us build the church, let us have part in bringing in His Kingdom."

Suppose you measure the men and the women you know by the above Scriptures. It would be well for us to study our own hearts by those Scriptures. The Executive Committee members have helped us personally a great deal at this point.

VI
We had a delightful visit down at Ocean Springs for a Brotherhood supper and meeting. Despite conflicts a large group of men gathered. Several pastors were also present. Certainly Pastor W. R. Storie is leading there in the work of a lifetime. Two young men dedicated their lives to the service of Christ. Immediately after we were in one of the greatest prayer meetings with a group of men we have ever attended.

The next morning we enjoyed a fishing trip with some fine laymen in the persons of Messrs. C. J. Steelman, Allen Steelman, and Dan Dambrino.

A meeting of Jackson pastors was held in the office making preparations for entertaining the Convention. Most pastors were present and splendid plans were outlined.

In the afternoon a meeting was had with the Executive Committee. Members present were John Davis, Fred Bookter, J. D. Ray, E. D. Hurst, R. D. Pearson, Fred Moseley, W. L. Meadows, and Wayne Alliston. The main purpose of the meeting was to decide the direction recommendations were to take concerning our work next year. The meeting was altogether constructive and in as fine spirit as we have witnessed in any group. A letter from Mr. Hurst presented in The Baptist Record is suggestive of the spirit and purpose of the meeting.

We had some fine fellowship with Pastor S. B. Harrington, Tchula. He is a good preacher, fine singer, and generally all around great fellow.

Sunday morning, despite bad weather, we flew up to Oxford where we were met by that princely spirit, Pastor J. L. Courson, one of our most loyal and able preachers. We spoke twice to the saints at New Prospect after which we enjoyed the fellowship and refreshment of the Malcolm Billingsley home. That night we were back at Jackson in Leavell Woods Baptist Church with Pastor Mack Bomer. Brother Bomer is from the church of which Dr. C. Oscar Johnson is pastor. He gave up his business that he might enter the ministry and is one of our best.

Within the last two months, we have been in all the major churches of Jackson and some of the smaller ones. Through the years we have preached over 1500 times in Jackson and thus it keeps us studying to bring new sermons along the way. We appreciate fellowship with these who know us better probably than any people anywhere else.

VII
In Matthew 24:4-14 we have stated some of the simple, clear procedures preceding or accompanying the second coming of Jesus. First, the false Christs are referred to. It is the business of Satan to deceive.

Second, you shall hear of wars and rumours of wars. This is not the end. We have noted that when a war starts some prophets jump up clicking their heels together and shouting this is the end. That is not what Jesus says.

There shall be famines, and pestilences and earthquakes. A generation ago we

Blue Mountain Freshman Quartet



Shown Above—Members of the official freshman quartet of Blue Mountain College, Left to right Jean Lipsey, Memphis, Tenn.; Betty Gargile, Memphis, Tenn.; Anna Jo Ladd, Cardwell, Mo.; Barbara Birt, Greenwood; and Mary D. Wilds, Oxford, accompanist.

Mrs. Bill Hannah was guest speaker at the November meeting of the Ministers' Wives Association of Mississippi College. Her topic was "What I Expect of My Pastor's Wife." Mrs. Earl Paderewski gave the story of the "Yellow Butterfly," and Mrs. Tommy Channel gave the devotional from Luke 10.

heard men prophesy that with our organization, communication, and transportation we would not have any more famines of consequence. It is strange how mistaken some people may be. Jesus says famine will precede his second coming. Such things are just the beginning of sorrows.

Christians shall be persecuted, punished, and hated.

Many shall betray one another, and hate one another. Some church members seem to enjoy fulfilling prophecy at this point.

Iniquity shall abound and the love of many shall wax cold. It is going to become more and more difficult to have a revival and to win people to Christ. Preachers, deacons, teachers, and others will major more and more on secondary things. They will major less and less upon soul winning.

Finally, this gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come.

"Even so, come, Lord Jesus." Revelation 22:20.

VIII
In Revelation, chapters 21 and 22, we have the flavor, "and they lived happily ever after." It is the picture of the heavenly city. It seems to us we have there everything the hearts of the redeemed might desire.

Grave diggers will be there but they will not be digging graves. No death is there. Handkerchief manufacturers will be there but they will not be making handkerchiefs. Neither sorrow or crying will be there. Pharmacists will be there but they will not be dispensing pills. Thank goodness for that. Physicians will be there but they will not be practicing medicine. Grocermen will be there but they will not be selling groceries. The tree of life grows on either side of the river yielding her fruits every month and the leaves are for the healing of the nations.

There will be no street problems, no water problems, and no light problems. That is the reason a covetous person will not go to Heaven for he would be sitting in the middle of the street digging up gold.

There will be no more curse—suffering, sweat, thorns, death—Genesis 3.

"When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we first begun."

Calvary, Greenwood, Plans Homecoming

Plans are under way for Homecoming exercises to be observed in Calvary Baptist Church, Greenwood, on Sunday, November 21. Exercises of the day will include Sunday school, worship, fellowship, recognition of former members, former pastors, and friends and an old-fashioned dinner-on-the-ground observance. Dr. R. A. Tullos is pastor.

The observance will mark the initiation of a special gifts, and tithes and offerings campaign to secure funds to decrease the indebtedness on the new educational building. All friends, former and non-resident members, and former pastors are invited to attend these exercises.

MILTON SCOTT ORDAINED

Milton Scott, a Clarke College student, was ordained in the Newton Baptist Church, Newton, Mississippi, October 27, at the mid-week prayer service. Scott has been called as pastor of the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church near Eupora. He is a freshman at Clarke, having spent one year in the high school department.

Mr. Scott was questioned by Dr. E. R. Pinson, Clarke College Bible professor. Afterwards questions were directed at the candidate by various ministers of the ordained council.

Rev. A. B. Hatfield, former roommate of Scott and former Clarke Ministerial Association President, delivered the ordination sermon. Rev. Troy Prince, Associate in the Clarke Bible department, presented the Bible to the candidate.

After the ordination prayer by Clarke Student Secretary Louie Farmer, Jr., the hands of the ordained council, consisting of twenty-seven ministers were laid on the candidate.

Robert Dickson Accepts Calvary Church, Greenville

Rev. Robert Dickson has accepted the pastorate of Calvary Church, Greenville. He succeeds Rev. D. L. Young, Jr., who recently went to Money as pastor of Riverside Church. Mr. Dickson was formerly pastor of Calvary Church near Vicksburg.

Revival services began on November 14 with Pastor Dickson leading the singing and doing the preaching.

Officers elected by the church are: W. H. Upchurch, Sunday School Superintendent; Mrs. W. H. Eubank, BTU Director; and Mrs. W. A. Russell, WMU President.

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Sharing Blessings With Others

During the past few years God has blessed Mississippi Baptists in a marvelous way, materially as well as spiritually. All blessings carry with them tremendous stewardship responsibilities.

Our time, our talents and our money are not our own, but have been entrusted to us through the grace of God for use in the advancement of Christ's Kingdom on earth.

To accomplish this, we have a complete program embodying missions, education and, benevolences, which must be carried on to the full extent of our ability. Benevolences, the sharing of blessings with others less fortunate than ourselves, can and does embody missions and education.

The benevolent undertaking of caring for homeless children is perhaps one of the greatest Christian services we render. By sharing our blessings with others and providing a Home for Homeless children we render untold missionary services which will bless the world for all time to come. Mississippi Baptists are urged to be generous and in the spirit of Thanksgiving make a worthy offering on November 25th or some time during the month.

Christmas Gift Tip

Here is your quickest, easiest and cheapest way to give an acceptable, helpful Christmas gift.

Make a list of all the people to whom you want to give presents at Christmas and send to the Baptist Record with their names and addresses. Send a check or money order at the rate of \$1.50 each. If you request it, we will send them a card (to reach them Christmas week) advising them that they are to receive the Baptist Record for a whole year as a Christmas gift from you.

A Reader Objects

Mr. A. L. Goodrich
Editor of Baptist Record
Jackson 105, Mississippi
Dear Brother Goodrich:

Your article in the October 28th issue of The Baptist Record Tail Wags Dog is a criticism of a good church.

Thank God for the Churches that do not let the preacher have the whole worship hour. Speaking as a layman, we all go to church to worship in obedience to God and to strengthen our faith. I know of nothing that is as uplifting to the spiritual emotions of man than the singing of good gospel hymns. If our churches would have more singing of good gospel hymns to bring their people into closer fellowship with each other and with God; and then the preacher takes his subject for his sermon and deal only with it instead of getting into theology and story telling, our churches would grow in spirituality.

Some of the best sermons have been preached in less than twenty minutes. After a preacher talks for twenty minutes, he is thirsty and wanders from his subject or goes to repeating his parts of his talk.

I went to a Brotherhood meeting the other night. The preacher that brought the main talk of the evening talked too long and he kept repeating what he had already said. There were other preachers present. The funny thing that happened was one of the preachers went to sleep. If the preachers can not endure the long sermons, how in the world do they expect the sinful congregations to endure long sermons? It has been said that a preacher that has studied Theology has only twenty sermons and after that he repeats the same ones with a few words changed. It certainly seems that this is true.

One more thing about gospel singing. Have you ever been a man of the world and close to the man that is dead in sin; does not know Jesus or anything about his forgiveness of sin? Brother, a good gospel hymn will get closer to him than any preacher can. If you will watch him closely sometimes you will hear him humming or whistling a good old gospel hymn he has heard somewhere and then there is a chance to bring him into the Kingdom of God.

Brother Goodrich, I am one hundred per cent for more and better gospel singing in our churches. When we reach that home God has promised us, what are we going to do? Are we going to sing praises unto God, or will God lecture us on theology and story telling?

More good gospel singing and

the Kingdom of God will grow faster.

Sincerely,

M. L. HILL.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Every Baptist is entitled to his say. However, much of the above letter does not apply to the editorial in question.

Mr. Hill has much to say about the value of good gospel singing. The editorial did not minimize the worth of good gospel singing.

As to theology and story telling—that is a matter for the preacher to decide. But there is a large place for theology in a sermon. Leave out theology and you leave out God. Leave out theology and the main theme is left out. As to story telling—Jesus made large use of this means of explaining his teachings.

As to preachers becoming dry after preaching 20 minutes, some get better after 20 minutes.

If only one preacher went to sleep at the Brotherhood meeting, the speaker deserves a compliment. Perhaps the sleepy brother was tired after 12 or 14 hours on the go or he may have been up late the night before. If the preacher held the attention of all but one he must have been good. Paul was a good preacher but one of his hearers went to sleep.

As to the claim that gospel singing will get closer to a sinner than preaching, I prefer to accept the Bible teaching. In Matthew I read, "Go ye into all the world. . ." Are we commanded to sing to them?

We agree with Mr. Hill that gospel singing is good but the editorial about which we write was discussing something else and not gospel singing.

Gratitude Is Good

A certain person introduced a minister to a committee of earnest workers who were hungry for a pastor. The church and the man felt it was the place for him. He moved on the field. They loved him. He loved them. As time went on, the people did not forget that person who helped them meet the man they have as their pastor.

In the summer, "Just to show their appreciation of having a good pastor," they said, they sent a hamper of vegetables to their friend.

Gratitude is good. It is refreshing to the one who receives it. It adds joy and a certain richness to those who express it. Two short words, "Thank you!" But they are strong and dainty words—keen and delicate, tinged with melody like distant music!

God has stern words to say in His book about those hard-hearted ones who are unthankful. Unthankfulness is even listed among the ugly things,—as the average person looks at ugliness. Perhaps God's sight is keener, and He sees the spirit underlying ingratitude.

We think God likes his people to be grateful!

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God's Mercy Is Wide

A certain young preacher had to work to make extra money for financing his school work. He secured work at a sawmill near his campus. He felt led to ask that he be given work among the colored men.

The job he filled called for him to labor side by side with the Negro men. There was one man, in particular, that he sought to lead to know the Lord. Days of witnessing passed before the man finally received the Lord. In about three days a log fell from a truck and killed this man. The preacher boy at the very moment had gone for water, and thus he was spared.

The mercy of God is wide and deep. The love of God is precious for His children. The Spirit of God spoke to the heart of the preacher boy to win this humble laborer. God was in mercy providing his last chance.

Would that many who read these lines might be willing to be led by the Spirit of the Lord to witness in every place!

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Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—
Editor.

Oxnam, Theatre Censorship And The World Council

Life Magazine, issue of September 13, 1948, states that U. S. Methodist Bishop Bromley Oxnam was elected a President of the new World Council of Churches, meeting in August in Amsterdam.

Time Magazine, issue of the same date, has Bishop Oxnam's picture on its cover, and under its section entitled "Religion" says: "For a Methodist prelate, Oxnam has two unusual hobbies; the theater and art. He and his wife go to every play they can and have a good collection of paintings (mostly of the Barbizon school), including a Sargent and a Sir Joshua Reynolds: *Girl With A Bird*. When the mayor of Omaha tried to censor some profanity from the Lunt-Fontanne production of *Idiot's Delight*, Oxnam got him to drop the attempt, declaring: 'Censorship is more dangerous than an occasional realistic line. If the mayor decides to remain in politics may I suggest a theme song for his coming campaign: 'Every little Damma must be taken from our drama.' Censorship is, in fact, 'Idiot's Delight.'"

If the great John Wesley could read that paragraph about a bishop in the denomination which he founded, he would probably turn over in his grave and give a snort which could be heard in every nook and cranny in England.

There are any number of Christian laymen (including the writer) who have long ago decided that the present-day stage and moving picture theaters are not places to which Christ would have them go, and they have ceased to patronize those places for Christ's sake.

It certainly does not help the cause of Christ in a community for the ministers, by their attendance at these places, to imply their approval of those forms of amusement which many spiritually minded laymen find unfit for Christians.

For a minister not only to go to every
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-- Woman's Missionary Union --

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson
Young People's Sec'y. — Miss Nell Taylor

A WEEK OF PRAYER— FIVE CHRISTMAS CAROLS— OUR FIRST CHRISTMAS GIFT—

I love Christmas carols—don't you? There is a tenderness, a simplicity, a note of adoration and wonder in the Christmas carols that steal away from me the tensions in body, mind and spirit which the years have brought upon me. "Joy To The World, the Lord Is Come", "O Come All Ye Faithful", "O Little Town of Bethlehem", "Asleep In A Manger", "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear", "Silent Night, Holy Night"—and many, many other hymns connected with Christmas, bring precious memories of Christmas Days and Christmas joys through the years. It would be difficult for me to select one of these carols as my favorite. They are all dear to me.

During the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, November 29-December 3, 1948, Woman's Missionary Union will sing five new Christmas Carols. They were sung centuries ago. But we shall put them to music of our own choosing during this Week of Prayer.

On the first day we shall sing the Song of Isaiah, who saw that first Christmas Day in Bethlehem and succeeding Christmas seasons when "the people that walk in darkness have seen a great light." The second day's Christmas Carol is the Song of Mary, the Maiden of Nazareth who sang of the coming of her Son and her God, whose coming would mean the breaking of chains which bound the womanhood of the world. Truly, her song was prophecy, also, for "He that is mighty hath done great things" for all women who have heard the Christmas Story. The third day we shall hear the Song of the Angels, who brought "Good Tidings of Great Joy." As we sing this song we shall be thinking of the "all peoples" for whom the song was written, but many have not yet heard it. On the fourth day we shall hear the Song of Zacharias, the priest and the father of the missionary, John, who sang of the coming of the Messiah, Who would "Guide our feet into the way of peace." The fifth day—the Day of Prayer Around The World—we shall hear the Song of Simeon, another priest, who, when he held in his arms the infant King, sang, "Mine Eyes Have Seen Thy Salvation."

We cannot afford to miss one of these Christmas Carols. They call us to prayer and to thanksgiving, and to a tender remembrance of the true meaning of Christmas. Out of these hours of prayer there will come a great desire to give. The Christmas Spirit is the spirit of giving. Our Christmas Offering is our Birthday Gift to Jesus. That is the meaning of the word Christmas—Christ-mass—The Worship of Christ. It has no other meaning. Our gift is a symbol of our love and adoration of Him. If our gift is to please Him it must not be carelessly made; it must not be what we can easily spare; it must not be what we have left over when we have made our other Christmas gifts. It must bear the mark of love and the mark of love is sacrifice.

Jesus needs your Christmas gift. Through it His messengers will be supported that they may take the light "to the people that walk in darkness." Through it many women

bound by the fetters of paganism, will meet the Master, mighty to do for them great things. Through it the Tidings of Great Joy will be sent to peoples. Through it millions who shudder beneath the shadow of fear and unrest will be guided into the ways of peace. Through it and the schools hospitals, churches it will sustain many who have looked long in vain for the coming of the Messiah will sing with Simeon, "Mine Eyes Have Seen Thy Salvation."

Miss Pearl Caldwell was the inspirational speaker in more of our Associational W. M. U. meetings this fall than any other person. In a letter she tells something of her impressions:

Dear Miss Robinson:

Please let me express to you my sincere thanks for the privilege of being with the women in 22 of our W.M.U. Associational meetings—Aug. 30-Oct. 1. It was good to see the women come making reports of good work done through the year and with strong determination to go forward and enlist more women and to do greater things throughout the year we are just entering. Many are definite in their decision to make their Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions count as never before. Many said "I will never put as little as one dollar in my envelope again, not with the doors open so wide and the need so great." Some said, "I mean to make this 'Christmas for Christ' and put at least one half as much in my envelope on that day as I spend on Christmas presents for all others including my family and friends."

In the main the meetings were well attended—at one place 75 plates had been prepared and found they needed 50 more. In a few places rains and roads hindered.

I want to express through you to the people, my sincere thanks to all the women for their gracious hospitality and the many loving kindnesses showered upon me. I am deeply grateful.

Very sincerely,
PEARL CALDWELL.

New Hope Church Adds 33

New Hope Church, Gulfport, the Rev. J. B. Watkins, pastor, experienced a great revival October 31-November 5. Rev. R. G. Witty of Jacksonville, Florida, was the visiting evangelist.

Every service proved to be fruitful. Thirty-three were added to the church during the week, 26 by letter.

Before the revival the three year old church had only 83 members. Since the revival meeting the congregation has almost doubled.

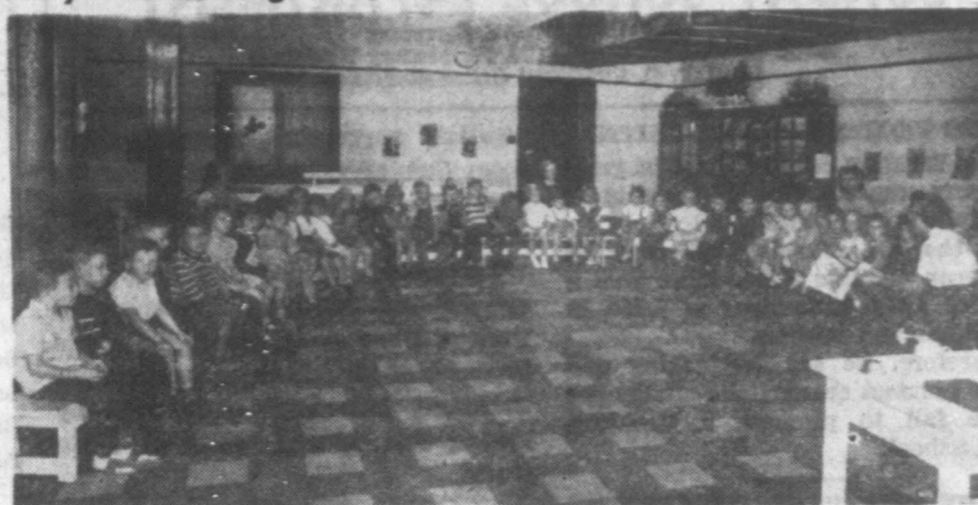
HARLEY CHANEY GOES TO BETHANY CHURCH

Rev. Harley W. Chaney, has accepted the call to pastor the Bethany Baptist church, located near Prentiss.

Rev. Mr. Chaney served as a chaplain with the armed forces during the recent war and is now a student at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in New Orleans.

Bethany church is one of the landmarks of Baptists in Jeff Davis county, having been established more than 125 years ago.

Fairyland Kindergarten, First Church, Biloxi



Fifty children have now enrolled in the Fairyland Kindergarten. Others are being enrolled weekly. In the accompanying scene, 35 of the children are listening to a story told by the principal, Mrs. Vera Renfro. Mesdames S. C. Hemmings, C. M. Davis and Sam McLellan, assistants, are also enjoying the story. This is one of the many daily features of the Kindergarten. The Kindergarten is open from 8:00 a. m. to 12 noon every day, Monday through Friday and can accommodate one hundred children in the two spacious rooms. Dr. Hodge is the pastor.

The Rose of Sharon (\$1.50) by Robert G. Lee and published by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, consists of six of R. G. Lee's great sermons: Jesus—Rose of Sharon, Candles, The Face of Jesus Christ, A Lad Here One Sin, and Seven Eyes Upon One Stone. Author Lee has been an inspiration in the lives of Baptists throughout our Southland and this book will challenge many as the words of this present-day prophet pour out the inspired Word of God.

SELECTED EDITORIAL (Continued from Page Four)

play he can, but also to remark: "Censorship is more dangerous than an occasional realistic line"—this must give us pause. The "occasional realistic line" in many of the present-day plays very often has the actor brazenly taking the name of Almighty God in vain, and some of the realism in these lines is more fit for the cesspool than for the human mind. It has been remarked that if profanity and indecency were taken from the language of many of our so-called successful dramatists and scenario writers of today, they would be vocabulary bankrupts.

In an effort to stem this tide of profanity and moral filth on stage and screen, earnest, decent people (some of them not even Christians) have insisted on the use of censorship for the public's protection. Instead of supporting such people in their efforts toward decency, Bishop Oxnham, former President of the Federal Council of Churches, remarks of their endeavor: "Censorship is, in fact, 'Idiot's Delight.'"

No comment on such a remark is needed. Res ipsa loquitur.

It would be bad enough, in this writer's opinion, to have a minister with such a viewpoint as pastor of your church; it is still worse that he should have been chosen in 1944—of all the ministers in America! — to be President of the Federal Council of Churches; it is worst of all that in 1948 he should be elected a President of the newly founded World Council of Churches.

If men of this type are being elected Presidents of the new World Council of Churches, then one can have very little confidence in the future of the World Council of Churches. — Southern Presbyterian Journal, Hon. Chalmers Alexander, contributing Editor. (Editor's Note: The writer is one of Mississippi's brilliant young lawyers and a member of 1st Presbyterian Church, Jackson.)

Those of us who have never touched a plow can have a part in producing the wheat to place a slice of bread in the hands of a starving child in Jesus' name. Those of us who never finished school can have a part in teaching the graduate students in a theological seminary.—Duke K. McCall in The Sunday School Builder.

DR. M'CALL WAS SPEAKER AT BECKER HOMECOMING Fund Started For Pastorium

Sunday, November 8, was homecoming day at Becker Church. Many former members and friends came from other states and other sections of Mississippi to be present on the occasion. Two former pastors were present, Rev. H. H. Crisman and Rev. C. W. Thompson who served as supply pastor for about two months in 1945. There were several charter members present, most of whom still reside at Becker. The church was organized in 1914 and this was the first homecoming ever held.

Dr. D. A. McCall was guest speaker for the occasion and, as usual, he was at his best with everyone receiving a great blessing from having heard him.

A short time ago the last of the new pews were installed. This makes all equipment new as well as the building itself. The plant, fully equipped, is valued at from \$18,000 to \$20,000.00, and there is no debt. The church hopes to have a new pastorium in the near future because it has moved their pastor on the field lately. A free-will offering was taken to start such a fund.

NORTHWEST MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PASTORS' CONFERENCE Batesville Baptist Church, Nov. 23, 1948 PROGRAM

- 9:45 Devotional—Rev. Oliver Hood.
- 10:10 Brief Reports by Pastors.
- 10:45 The Messianic Message in Deutero-Isaiah, Rev. Charles-Everett. Discussion.
- 11:25 Announcements by Host Pastor. Song.
- 11:30 Address, Dr. B. C. Land of Miss. Baptist Foundation. Discussion.
- 12:25 Recess. Luncheon and Fellowship.
- 1:30 Song and Prayer.
- 1:35 Religious Book Review, Rev. R. C. Ryan. Discussion.
- 2:35 Miscellaneous Business. Announcements.
- 3:00 Prayer and Adjournment.

This is a combination of the November and December meeting and will be the last meeting of this year.

His Mississippi friends will be interested to know that Rev. L. E. McGowan who was formerly pastor at Moorhead and went from that church into the chaplaincy, and upon being released from the army became pastor of the Simpsonville Church in South Carolina, has been called back into the armed service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary
MRS. P. C. FRENCH, Office Secretary

VBS PROFESSIONS OF FAITH

The Vacation Bible School is great in many respects. One of these is its evangelistic opportunity.

Of the 228 schools that reported this year on this item, there was a total of 1,619 professions of faith in our Mississippi schools.

Therefore, we are overlooking one of our greatest evangelistic challenges if we fail to promote a Vacation Bible School.

THE SPIRIT OF CALVARY

At Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, there is a class of 14-year boys, taught by O. M. Jones, that has emphasized for several years the Six Point Record System in Sunday School work.

Two years ago this class made the unbelievable record of 600 one hundred per cents in 52 Sundays. For the month of October of this year, they are reporting a total of 55 hundred per cents, or an average of 11 each Sunday. Their goal for the first quarter is 145 hundred per cents.

We suggest that other Intermediate classes emulate their example this year.

RED, BLUE AND GOLD

A few weeks ago we told of the remarkable record in Sunday School training by the First Baptist Church of Hattiesburg during the year that closed September 30. They had a grand total of well over 600 awards for the year, a new record for Mississippi.

In this total, there were 41 Workers' Diplomas, 26 Red Seals, 18 Blue Seals, 17 Gold Seals, 12 Advanced Diplomas with 7 Red, 6 Blue, and 3 Gold Seals, and 3 Master Diplomas.

NEW! NEW!! NEW!!

Yes, indeed, we have something new!

It is the new standard. If you have not received one, write us and we shall gladly send one on request.

It is not only new as to printing, but it is new in that several changes have been made. The percentage requirements have been removed, except in one point, and that has been lowered.

We feel that these new standards, with some of the more technical points taken out, will make an appeal to a greater number of schools. Get one and check up, and then go to work to reach it.

Record System Also. The Six Point System has also had a face lifting. We have new order blanks and a new leaflet giving cuts and explanations of all the supplies available. Write us for samples and we shall mail them upon request.

JANUARY AND JOHN

During the first full week in January it is suggested that each church have a special Bible Study Week. The purpose of this is to enlarge our Bible teaching program. Last year many churches responded in the study of Ephesians.

This year, the Gospel of John is the suggested book. Dr. John L. Hill, of the Baptist Sunday School Board, has prepared a book, "Studies in John's Gospel," to be used as a guide book for this special Bible Study Week in January, 1949.

The study of John's Gospel is par-

ticularly appropriate since the Uniform Sunday School Lessons for the first six months of 1949 are based on the Life of Christ.

Therefore, we sincerely hope that every church will plan for this special week of Bible study. The Bible is the textbook of all our church programs; therefore, let's start 1949 right by having this special week of Bible study.

SUNDAY SCHOOL GROWTH

Southern Baptist Sunday School enrollment has grown from less than two million in 1920 to more than four and one-quarter million in 1948, a gain of more than 125 per cent.

Why?

Improved transportation, population increase, gain in per capita income, growing interest in education, enlarged and improved buildings, more trained ministers, missionary and evangelistic emphasis, distinctive methods, and a definite program are some of the contributing factors to this growth.

Let's keep up the good work of building bigger and better Sunday Schools.

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MISSIONARIES EVACUATED FROM PEIPING AREA

Plans are underway to transfer Southern Baptists' thirteen missionaries, with seven children, from Peiping to Shanghai, following advice given American nationals through consular authorities, according to Secretary Baker James Cauthen, writing from Shanghai November 2.

Removal of this group of language students from Peiping is the only evacuation immediately pressing. Presence of American Navy forces at Tsingtao and assurance that American nationals will be evacuated from that city in case of emergency relieves apprehension regarding missionaries there. Missionaries will continue work in Tsingtao as long as possible.

Should other evacuations become necessary, missionaries will be transferred to Mandarin-speaking areas in the South China Mission until needs there are met. Following that, plans would be considered for placing missionaries in Yunnan Province West China, with the city of Kunming as a center.

Dr. Cauthen thinks it possible that the Peiping area may not be molested for some time, but does not feel justified in leaving the language students there under present circumstances. The basic policy of the Foreign Mission Board is to evacuate missionaries from areas likely to be overrun by Communists.

Reminding Southern Baptists of evidences of God's guidance during the eleven years since the beginning of Pacific hostilities in 1937, Dr. Cauthen states: "We are facing the situation realistically. We are confident that the Lord will continue to give his guidance under whatever circumstances may come."

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O. H. Butler of Star Route, Brooksville, not only sent in the renewal list for Deerpark Church, Noxubee County, but sent an additional subscription.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

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CHAS. W. HORNER, Secretary

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(questions)

Did you know that the Baptist students of our State pay for virtually every cent of expense connected with their retreats and conventions with their registration fees? Baptists students, how would like to send Joe Barber, or one of your own number, to the Baptist Youth Congress in Stockholm next summer? Do you know how grateful Eva Lois and I are for the many expressions of love and interest shown by BSUs all over the State since the coming of our little girl, Janet? Do you know that Dr. Charlie Treadway, of First Church, Cleveland, is planning to attend the Stockholm Congress? Do you know that Prof. Harold Basden, Miss. College, is on the North Carolina BSU Convention program? Have you heard that your secretary enjoyed and was blessed by the experiences of supplying for Pastor Vernon May at Mt. Olive and for Pastor W. L. Compere (for prayer meeting) at Northside, Jackson, recently? Have you or someone from your campus sent this office a list of your BSU Council members? Do you want the Mississippi Miscellany to resume publication? Did you know that Clarke has 318 students, 110 of whom recently joined many others in becoming members of the Newton Church? Have you read Buford Ashley's beautiful editorial of

appreciation for his college pastor, Wilburn S. Smith, who has just completed his first year at First Church, Starkville?

Fifty attended the welcome social at Southwest Jr. where there are fifteen unsaved students . . . Of the Cleveland Convention, Mrs. Robt. Lewis, of MSCW writes: "I believe they get better every year . . . It certainly was a mountain top experience for my girls." . . . Mrs. John Merrill, Jr., writes from Delta State: "October was a memorable month in our history, and we thank God on every remembrance of it." . . . 300 unsaved, 1 converted, 12 joining the Starkville Church, 35 average at daily prayer meeting is reported by S. A. Salter from Miss. State for last month . . . "The convention seemed to me to have been very successful and particularly spiritual in its tone," writes Prof. Harold Basden of Miss. College . . . "Training Union work is going along nicely, with five student unions," writes Marian Leavell from Ole Miss who continues that the Rebels have two visitors for each of the 18 boys' dorms, the 5 girls' dorms, frat row, sorority row, the town students and the Traller Court. "It will mean," says Miss Leavell, "that by Christmas, every Baptist on the campus will have been visited once." Wish space permitted a fuller account. Ole Miss has a new Student Choir for Sun. nite services at the Oxford Church, too . . .

MONTHLY REPORT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Duke K. McCall, Executive Secretary

OCTOBER, 1948

RECEIPTS

| | Cooperative Program | Designated | TOTAL |
|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Alabama | 174.45 | 10.00 | 184.45 |
| Arizona | 32,507.62 | 2,993.27 | 35,500.89 |
| Arkansas | 1,073.34 | 116.00 | 1,189.34 |
| California | 14,230.58 | 511.64 | 14,742.22 |
| Dist. of Columbia | 2,554.48 | 110.06 | 2,664.54 |
| Florida | 10,218.42 | 12,996.81 | 23,215.23 |
| Georgia | 38,730.03 | 6,077.18 | 44,807.21 |
| Illinois | 37,288.66 | 11,112.03 | 48,400.69 |
| Indiana | 11,019.79 | 571.78 | 11,591.57 |
| Kansas | 300.00 | — | 300.00 |
| Kentucky | 40,100.43 | 2,335.77 | 42,436.20 |
| Louisiana | 16,224.33 | 1,378.99 | 17,603.32 |
| Maryland | 5,118.13 | — | 5,118.13 |
| Mississippi | 32,993.58 | 3,088.73 | 36,082.31 |
| Missouri | 30,560.03 | 4,788.96 | 35,348.99 |
| New Mexico | 2,861.88 | 101.65 | 2,963.53 |
| North Carolina | 56,119.10 | 10,743.96 | 66,863.06 |
| Oklahoma | 36,017.04 | 4,371.75 | 40,388.79 |
| South Carolina | 49,356.14 | 4,501.42 | 53,857.56 |
| Tennessee | 56,345.94 | 2,610.23 | 58,956.17 |
| Texas | 54,166.74 | 17,975.62 | 72,142.36 |
| Virginia | 48,271.21 | — | 48,271.21 |
| Totals for Month | \$ 576,231.92 | \$ 86,395.85 | \$ 662,627.77 |
| Year to Date | \$4,921,288.13 | \$2,734,814.33 | \$7,656,102.46 |
| 1947 to Date | \$4,297,572.74 | \$1,999,025.16 | \$6,296,597.90 |

DISBURSEMENTS

| | Current Month | Year to Date |
|--|---------------|----------------|
| S. B. C. Budget Fund | — | \$ 79,800.00 |
| Baptist Brotherhood of the South | — | 40,000.88 |
| Radio Commission | 9.00 | 76,025.62 |
| Foreign Mission Board | 157,366.35 | 3,945,654.48 |
| Home Mission Board | 100,660.18 | 1,539,679.71 |
| Relief and Annuity Board | 101,810.51 | 775,940.22 |
| Southern Baptist Hospital | 27.00 | 4,175.44 |
| Southern Baptist Theol. Seminary | 109,491.21 | 362,875.02 |
| Southwestern Baptist Theol. Seminary | 92,173.91 | 337,320.01 |
| New Orleans Baptist Theol. Seminary | 93,054.17 | 337,274.84 |
| Woman's Mission Union (Tr. School & Desig) | 154.35 | 23,980.36 |
| American Baptist Theol. Seminary | 7,591.64 | 91,428.92 |
| Miscellaneous | 154.35 | 23,980.36 |
| Total Disbursements | \$ 662,627.77 | \$7,656,102.46 |

GOING PLACES

BY A. L. GOODRICH

EAST CHURCH, GREENVILLE

While Pastor H. W. Roberson was attending Homecoming services at his former pastorate, Lexington, we had the privilege of preaching again at East Church, Greenville. We had preached for them before while they worshiped in the Courthouse, but this was our first time to be in the beautiful new church building. It is a thing of beauty and joy.

Record readers in Deer Creek Association are now listed as follows: ANGUILLA, 42; CARY, 17; CATCHINGS, 33; ROLLING FORK, 97; STRAIGHT BAYOU, 19; BELZONI, 205; ISOLA, 28; Louse, 1; SILVER CITY, 30; GOODEN LAKE, 11; CALVARY, 24; Mayersville, 5; TALLULA, 23; VALLEY PARK, 13; Issaquena, 1; ALEXANDER MEMORIAL, 16; ARCOLA, 48; DARLOVE, 29; GLEN ALLEN, 30; GREENVILLE, FIRST, 334; GREENVILLE, SECOND, 65; GREENVILLE, CALVARY, 45; GREENVILLE, EAST, 107; HOLLANDALE, 127; LE-LAND, 250; SWIFTWATER, 13.

FORD'S CREEK IS NUMBER 925

Rev. F. G. Wilburn, pastor of Ford's Creek, Pearl River County, who recently led White Sand Church to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan, has also sent in an EVERY FAMILY list from Ford's Creek.

Such faithful pastors have enabled the Baptist Record to have an all time high in circulation.

Pearl River County Record readers are now listed as follows: Bethel, 68; Carriere, 9; Goodyear, 75; Juniper

Grove, 84; Napoleon, 32; New Henleyfield, 39; New Palestine, 54; Nicholson, 2; Olive, 22; Ozona, 9; Picayune, First, 262; Pine Grove, 75; Poplarville, 151; Roseland Park, 35; Spring Hill, 2; Union 38; White Sand, 23; Zion Hill 4; West Poplarville, 15; Crane Creek, 1; Oak Hill, 47; Ford's Creek, 17.

UNION ASSOCIATION

The Union Association met with Union Church Baptist Church, Rev. M. C. Nelson, pastor. The attendance was good and the reports well prepared.

The Baptist Record was given a good place and sufficient time. Fruit of this courtesy has already been born with more expected.

The officers of the association are: Rev. A. L. Chumley, moderator, and J. Mack Jones, clerk and treasurer.

Record readers in Union Association are now listed as follows: HERMANVILLE, 41; Pattison, 10; PORT GIBSON, 77; SHILOH, 17; Beach Grove, 1; BETHESDA, 25; ELMO, 22; FAYETTE, 68; Fellowship, 3; RED LICK, 14; UNION CHURCH, 49, and UNITY, 19.

GULF COAST ASSOCIATION

Woolmarket Church, Rev. N. B. Saucier, pastor, entertained the Gulf Coast Association. No day meetings were held, but two night sessions beginning at seven and adjourning at 9:30.

Officers elected are: Rev. Joe T. Odle, moderator; Rev. Paul Cooper, assistant moderator; clerk and treasurer, Rev. W. S. Allen. The clerk reported that every pastor was present and the chart showed that every

church had contributed to mission causes.

McHenry Church, which until recently has been inactive, has called Rev. N. J. Lee as pastor and was welcomed back into the association.

Record readers in the Gulf Coast Association are now listed as follows: BAY ST. LOUIS, 75; Kiln, 2; LOG-TOWN, 9; BIG RIDGE, 14; BILOXI, FIRST, 230; BILOXI SECOND, 44; Crane, 1; GULFPORT, FIRST, 586; FERNWOOD, 38; GULFPORT, EAST SIDE 42; GULFPORT GRACE MEMORIAL, 82; HANDSBORO, 53; LONG BEACH, 77; NEW HOPE, 32; PASS CHRISTIAN, 47; Sharon, 1; WEST GULFPORT, 20; WOOLMARKET, 14.

STONEWALL SENDS LIST

The Baptist Record is glad to welcome Stonewall Church, Kemper County, into the growing group of churches that made the Baptist Record a part of their program. Pastor W. L. Grafton of Porterville writes that there are only seven families near the church and that about half the membership is non resident.

Mrs. Joe Hunter of Route 1 DeKalb, is the church treasurer.

Record readers in Kemper County are now listed as follows: Bay Springs, 35; Blackwater, 29; Bluff Springs, 21; Center Ridge, 25; DeKalb, 61; Liberty, 2; Salem, 2; Seecoba, 51; Stonewall, 7; Vardaman, 3; and Whalak, 11.

MT. PISGAH SENDS LIST

The Baptist Record appreciates a nice list of subscriptions from Mt. Pisgah Church Carroll County, of which Rev. L. D. Sellers is pastor. In sending the list Pastor Sellers writes, "Please send the Record to the following list of 18, which is 50 per cent

of our resident membership homes."

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JESUS IS THE ANSWER

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not be sure that Saul yet knew that it was the divine Lord. Luke, the writer here, knows much of the Greek and he uses the word of respect, courtesy, that means, sir, master, lord. It is the Greek kurios (without the capital). Yes, who are you? Who is this Person of the Damascus Road? Who is this Stranger from Gallilee?

A great question it is and in common speech, it is the \$64 question today.

I

THE BIG QUESTION BEFORE THE WORLD

Leading up to this question, is another calling for an answer.

Why Jesus? Was Jesus necessary? Looking at conditions in the world into which Jesus was born, and considering world conditions today, we must say, yes, Jesus was necessary then and is now and will forever be as long as the world is sinful and lost.

"The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin,
The Light of that world is Jesus,
Like sunshine at noon-day His glory shone in,
The Light of the world is Jesus."

The Christ, the Messiah, had been in existence with God and as God from the beginning and was the Author of creation, but creation had failed, man was lost and a Saviour was needed. Jesus came, born of the woman and in the flesh of man, was and is that Saviour. "His name shall be called Jesus for He shall save his people from their sins."

Saul was a sinner and later quite humbly called himself the chief of sinners. He needed to be saved and it took a great Saviour to save such a great sinner. Jesus did not say to him "I am the Christ, the Son of God, the Jewish Messiah". He was all of that but more. "I am Jesus". That answer is important. I would like to dwell these moments on that part of our Lord's great mission—his ministry of salvation.

II

THE ANSWER OF THE AGES

Going into the convention hall in Memphis at our meeting last spring, we saw lifted above the front the banner with "Christ is the Answer". That seems to be our slogan, our motto. But let me go a bit farther and emphasize the Christ in his life and ministry as Jesus.

When he said to Saul, "I am Jesus", he gave the million dollar answer. His ministry of Salvation must come before everything else in the life of men. It is not what he does to answer the many questions arising in our political, industrial or social life, but it is the one question first of all, what Jesus does for the sinner man. Saul's early learning, his knowledge of Jewish law, his devotion to traditions of his fathers, all now depended on his acceptance of the Only Saviour, this wonderful person, meeting him in the way that day—Jesus.

1—First, let me say that Jesus is the sinner's answer. The great sinner, Saul, had met the great Saviour, Jesus, and the Wolf of Judaism became the champion and defender of the persecuted. The Law and the Prophets could not bring salvation until they had their fulfillment in Christ, and Christ had to come in the name of Jesus.

"I've tried in vain a thousand ways,
My fears to quell, my hopes to raise;
And all I need, the Bible says,
Is Jesus.

My soul is night, my heart is steel,
I cannot see, I cannot feel,
For light, for life, I must appeal
To Jesus.

He dies, He lives, He reigns, He pleads,
There's love in all his words and deeds,
All, all a guilty sinner needs
Is Jesus.

Tho some will mock, and some will blame,
In spite of fear, in spite of shame,
I'll go to him because His name
Is Jesus."

In my boyhood, I knew an old ox-driver in our community. Whether it went with his trying task or not, he had the reputation of being the most wicked man in all that country. It went with him not only when piloting his stubborn beasts but at other times. He also was afflicted with a severe stuttering in his profane speech. Coming to a revival meeting one day in old Liberty church, he was moved deeply and genuinely converted. What a change came over the big, rough man! Gentle, calm, kind now he was. I recall his quiet, clear words of prayer as he thanked God for saving his poor lost soul. Jesus was the answer.

Sir William Ramsey, writing of Paul, says he was the greatest man that ever lived and next to Christ himself has influenced the world most. There were Nero, Emperor of Rome, Seneca the Emperor's tutor and Minister of State, and Paul, the prisoner. Did Nero have the answer for the world with his mighty legions? Or did Seneca give the answer in his Latin treatises? No, never, Paul, chained in prison, had the only answer that would give hope and help to the world. Nero could and did kill Seneca and Paul but long after Rome had fallen and Seneca's writings were dead, the greatness of Paul goes on and the writings from his prison cell will live as long as sinners need a Saviour.

Jesus stands alone as such before the world. It is not Japan's Laotsi, nor China's Confucius, or India's Mohammed, but it is the WORLD'S JESUS, the only Saviour of mankind.

Many has many questions in his life, but the question how to rid himself of sin is the most disturbing. How to know the way to freedom of soul. Like a mighty burden, it crushes life. Bunyan pictures it in his great book, "Pilgrim's Progress". A Christian has a crushing load he staggers painfully under until he comes to the foot of the cross. The burden there falls away. We can again sing

"At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light,
And the burden of my heart rolled away,
It was there by faith I received my sight,
And now I am happy all the day."

2—Jesus is the answer for a weary world.

So many people are just worn and weary. Many souls are weary of problems and tired of life itself. Oh, how Jesus is the answer. Much more sickness of soul, I fear, than of our bodies. In trying to find adjustment to this complex life we are living today, many needy ones are seeking in

Gilbert M. Daniel Ordained



GILBERT M. DANIEL

Gilbert M. Daniel has recently been ordained by the West Corinth Church. The Rev. D. L. Hill preached the ordination sermon, the Rev. Cleaton Wilbanks gave the charge to him, and his pastor, the Rev. Milton Bryant, presented the Bible. The Rev. H. B. Speights gave the charge to the church.

Mr. Daniel surrendered to preach in 1947 and entered Clear Creek Mountain Preachers' School at Pineville, Kentucky. During the summer, 1948, he was called as pastor of Holly Church, Corinth, where he is now doing a fine work. He has led the church from quarter-time to full-time.

Rev. and Mrs. Daniel have three children: Willa Dean, Gilbert Wayne and Sandra Faye.

vain for help. All the doctors and psychiatrists in the land cannot do in a life-time what Jesus can do in a moment.

"Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Go to Jesus, He is the answer.

Handel, the musical composer, falling miserably, wretched and in the depths of despair, began his symphony, "The Messiah". Now linked up with Jesus, he entered a new life and gave to the world its greatest musical production. The poet Cowper, drunken, down to the bottom of any hope, found Jesus and gave us "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood". Fannie Crosby, blind and helpless could say "Safe in the arms of Jesus, Safe on his gentle breast; There by his love o'er shadder, sweetly my soul shall rest".

"No voice can sing, no heart can frame,
Nor can the memory find,
A sweeter sound than Jesus' name,
The Saviour of mankind".

It is related that in the First World War, when the old Indian chief, Ramond Redcorn, great Christian he was, bade his fine son farewell to enter his country's service he charged him "Take the name of Jesus with you". Yes, and it is always for us to "Take the name of Jesus with you, Child of sorrow and of woe
It will joy and comfort give you,
Take it then where'er you go".

"I came to Jesus as I was, weary,
worn and sad,
I found in him a resting place and
he has made me glad".

BEGGING LETTERS ARE USUALLY UNWORTHY

By R. Paul Caudill, Chairman,
BWA Relief Committee

Because of the vast number of "begging letters" that are being received in the United States from the occupied zone, the chairman of the BWA Relief Committee has been requested to make a statement concerning the disposition of such letters. To this end, I quote from a letter from Carl Koch, director of Bruderhilfe—the relief organization in Germany through which the Relief Committee of the Baptist World Alliance channels all relief efforts. Mr. Koch deals with the problem by quoting directly from a letter from a Baptist pastor in Germany who had been asked to investigate the sender of one of the traditional "begging letters." The pastor's analysis of the case was as follows:

"Answering your letter of July 24th, I can tell you the information concerning the family of Heninrich ter Laak, Obermendig, Neustr. 75, gave as a result that we here once more have to do with a beggar of the worst kind. Mr. ter Laak is a born Hollander, who lives with his family in good circumstances and in his undamaged house. The ter Laaks are known in the whole village as swindlers, and have the worst possible reputation. The Burgermeister of Obermendig said, 'That the ter Laaks had been receiving for a long time innumerable packages from America. Packages which they at once sold, and that he continually receives inquiries from all possible institutions.' Mrs. ter Laak's mother has two sisters in America, who are said to send her numerous addresses to which then the begging letters are sent. . . . Any support of the ter Laaks through our Hilfswerk would be a sin and a shame. On the basis of our experience we can only repeat once more that those people who write the cleverest applications are those who are in the least distress."

Those receiving "begging letters" and who are not in position to investigate the request for help should forward the letters to the chairman of the Relief Committee or to the Washington office of the Baptist World Alliance (1628-16th St., N. W.) where they will in turn be referred to our relief organization in Germany for immediate investigation and ministry.

3. The answer to our church needs today.

We know more about theology today, perhaps, but do we know Jesus, in his ministry of salvation? We have good music and many improvements, but do our churches leave Jesus out? Are we winning the lost by giving them Jesus as the answer? Two young preachers went out from our Southern Seminary in Louisville to preach for a small country church nearby. The congregation said of one—What a mind that young man has. Of the other, they exclaimed—What a wonderful Saviour that one has. Philip preached Jesus to the Eunuch and he was saved, Paul began by preaching Jesus to the Jews in old Damascus. Let our churches lift that banner and march on under it to victory, "Jesus Is The Answer".

"Oh Hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
To those who ask, how kind thou art,
How good to those who seek".

"All hail the power of Jesus name,
Let angels prostrate fall,
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown him Lord of all".

JESUS WAITS FOR A LEADER

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did; 2. What we are doing; 3. What they will do. Of all the scripture that thrills me most is that which tells of the life and work of Jesus. As we study his life, we find that his work easily divides into four interests. First of all Jesus was interested in the souls of men. There were no color lines, no race distinctions, no territorial boundaries. He is no respecter of persons. Every soul is dear to Him and He therefore lost no opportunity to reveal himself to any who were seeking the truth and life. The incident where He talked with the Samaritan woman is one of the most striking and reveals the depths of His love for the lost. She represented both the down and outs and the up and outs. His main purpose in coming to the world in the flesh was that He might save the lost.

Jesus was also deeply interested in the bodies of men and rejoiced in the privilege of exercising His power over disease, and as far as the record goes never turned away one who was sick or maimed, rebuking the fever and restoring the withered hand. He was interested in bodies, because our bodies are the dwelling place of our spirit and not only our spirit but the Holy Spirit. These bodies should be fit houses for the indwelling spirit.

Jesus was also interested in the intellectual man. A great deal of His time was given in teaching the people in general, and then in giving special instruction to the ones who represent the "Called," the special group to whom He was charging the responsibility of leadership in the carrying on what He "Began to do and teach."

Again Jesus was interested in the emotional man. That is the best word I can think of use. We are emotional and when you take emotion out of Christianity you have a dead and empty religion. Jesus wept with those who wept, and He rejoiced with those who rejoiced. So deep was His emotion and love for the people, that He even raised the dead and presented them on three occasions to their sorrowing loved ones.

WHAT WE ARE DOING

I shall ever be grateful that when I became a Christian it was my good fortune to become a member of a church that had for its mission the fourfold work of Jesus, and through the years it has not at any time ceased to cooperate in all denominational work, perhaps never doing all it could but always having a part. I rejoice in the fact that this church was and is a part of a great denomination that has its work planned on the basis of the four-fold program of Jesus.

WE HAVE BEEN ZEALOUS IN THE MATTER OF EVANGELISM. Always that has been the central emphasis, and God has richly blessed our efforts in that direction. Through our evangelistic emphasis this year we have, in Mississippi, baptized 14,605 souls into the fellowship of our nearly 1,600 churches an average of 9 to a church. Every department of our State Board seeks to head up its work in the interest of the lost, and every effort of every employee of the Board, from the writing of a letter to the preaching of a soul-winning sermon is in the interest of the lost. Yes, we are witnessing to the lost.

WE ARE MAINTAINING A MINISTRY TO THE BODIES OF MEN. I cannot place clay on the eye of the blind and restore his sight, but I can,

and have had a part in building a hospital where skilled surgeons can remove the cataract, thus making the blind to see. I shall not forget soon having talked with Brother Loftin, who for many years was an active minister among us, but who, because of the loss of sight had to give up his work. He had been to a specialist and a successful operation had been performed and he was seeing again, and as he said, better than he had ever seen. Yes, through our hospitals we are ministering to these temples that house the Spirit. All we have done for them has been to erect and equip them, they have always been self-supporting.

WE ARE INTERESTED IN GIVING A CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TO OUR PEOPLE. This is revealed, not only in that we have throughout the years maintained institutions of learning, but that our program of promotion as it is represented by the Training Union, Sunday School, Brotherhood, and W. M. U. is definitely educational. Through these departments our people are being educated in the principles of living. Our schools of higher learning can but build on the foundations that are laid in the homes and churches.

THROUGH OUR MINISTRY TO THE ORPHANED CHILDREN TO AGED MINISTERS AND THEIR WIDOWS, AND THROUGH OUR INSTITUTIONAL VISITATION PROGRAM WE ARE EXPRESSING OUR INTEREST IN THE LESS FORTUNATE AND THUS FULFILLING OUR OBLIGATION TO THAT PHASE OF THE WORK SO DEAR TO THE HEART OF JESUS. Mr. and Mrs. Mize have wrought well in the management of our splendid Orphanage, giving food, clothing, and education to an average of more than 150 children a year. Have you visited the Orphanage? Then do yourself a favor and take yourself out there. You will be a welcome visitor, and you will receive a thrill that you will not soon forget. Through the Relief section of our Relief and Annuity Board, hundreds of retired ministers receive a monthly stipend, not enough, but at least a help in a time when it is greatly needed and appreciated. And through the service of Brother Parker, the sick in our hospitals in and around Jackson have been comforted. Letters to the families of these sick, and reading of The Word, and praying with the sick have brought their rewards. Yes, we are carrying on the work of Christ and you who are cooperating are having a part.

WHAT THEY WILL DO

Shall I dare predict what THEY, the next generation, will do. Each generation must build to the structure set up by its predecessors. Changes to make for efficiency are nearly always necessary, and no one is afraid of changes when these changes are made in the interest of giving additional emphasis to the four-fold work of Christ. In making changes, no reflection is made on the work and plans being changed, or on those who made and promoted the plans, but civilization moves on and changes are necessary if we meet the growing demands.

We have 72 cooperating associations in Mississippi and each of these associations have a representative on our Convention Board. Here is a small association with four churches, with a total membership of perhaps less than a thousand. They have a Board member. Here is an association with 32 churches and a church membership

of 16,734. This is not fair representation. If one man can represent 16,734 members in one area efficiently, and he does, then one man can represent that many in other areas. This would be both democratic and efficient. I believe we are still in a democratic administration, giving us a Board of say 31. I think they will work out such an organization of re-adjustment.

We have a thirty minute weekly broadcast set up for a period of two months. THEY will have a Baptist owned and operated broadcasting station operating for no less than 16 hours a day sending out the blessed good news. Each department and institution will have a daily period when they may report the progress and plans of their work.

We have four colleges each with a separate board of trustees. Some are dreaming of a great Baptist University in Mississippi, of which these present colleges may be units, with one board of trustees. There will be no north, or south, or east or west, but a central interest in our entire constituency. This I predict will be realized by the next generation. Our Orphanage will become the home of no less than five hundred worthy children, and our hospital will have completed the expansion program now visualized by its friends.

We are a selfish, self-centered people. This year Mississippi Baptists put \$6,500,000.00 into the work of Christ, local and worldwide. Of this \$5,000,000 was spent on the local church work, a million and a half coming to the state office for distribution. Of this \$6,500,000.00, only 4c of each dollar went to the Foreign Mission Board. Perhaps that is what our critics saw and twisted to mean that only a few cents of mission money got to the mission field. To correct that error let me say that of all the money sent to the Foreign Board, and the same proportion will apply in other Boards, 95c of each dollar was actually spent on the foreign field. Mississippi Baptists had a gross income for this year of nearly \$300,000,000.00 a tithe of which is near the \$30,000,000.00 mark. The complete development of our masses in the matter of stewardship, and this has already become a vital and definite part of our educational program in the churches, will more than supply the funds to change the figure 4 into a 1 thus making it possible for the Foreign Mission Board to put on the enlarged program now being set up. It will also be the answer every phase of our work. I predict that the next generation will continue the stewardship emphasis with such success that Baptists will be known as the most scriptural in the matter of stewardship as well as the most scriptural in baptism!

All of these things could happen in this generation and thus leave a larger task for those who follow. God stands at the Red Sea again and is saying, "Speak to my people that they go forward." He has the waters of the Jordan rolled back, and the walls of Jericho are ready to fall at His word. He waits for the leader in each church to speak the word. Shall we not strip for the race that is set before us, ever looking unto Jesus who is the Author and Finisher of our faith. Mississippi Baptists are truly on the march and our General is Christ.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

November 14, 1948

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| East McComb | 379 | 236 |
| Laurel, First | 570 | 172 |
| West Laurel | 410 | 167 |
| Laurel, Second Ave. | 399 | 148 |
| Laurel, Beacon | 209 | 103 |
| Hattiesburg, Main St. | 733 | 303 |
| Crystal Springs | 625 | 169 |
| New Albany, First | 528 | 182 |
| Including Mission | 574 | 219 |
| Brookhaven, First | 805 | 253 |
| Cherry Creek | | |
| (Pontotoc County) | 75 | 60 |
| Central Grove | | |
| (Monroe County) | 62 | 37 |
| Glenfield (Union County) | 50 | 48 |
| Center (Union County) | 159 | 90 |
| Chalybeate | 58 | 47 |
| Carmel (Lauderdale County) | 71 | 53 |
| Centerville | 117 | 46 |
| Delay (Lafayette County) | 45 | 57 |
| Wallerville | 122 | 58 |
| Crystal Springs | | |
| (Waltham County) | 139 | 90 |
| Mt. Vernon (Leflore County) | 81 | 77 |
| Durant, First | 210 | 74 |
| Crowder | 159 | 124 |
| Booneville, First | 305 | 122 |
| O'Tuckolofa | | |
| (Yalobusha County) | 25 | |
| Columbus, First | 974 | 278 |
| South Laurel | 82 | 63 |
| East Columbia | 93 | 40 |
| South McComb | 195 | 41 |
| Wellman (Lincoln County) | 56 | 53 |
| Holly Springs | 40 | |
| Bruce | 252 | 84 |
| Gulfport, First | 702 | 175 |
| Marion (Lauderdale County) | 92 | 68 |
| Cross Roads | | |
| (Webster County) | 75 | 68 |
| Grenada, First | 520 | 109 |
| Kreole, First | 111 | 77 |
| Waynesboro, First | 301 | |
| Waynesboro, Calvary | 38 | |
| Oak Grove (Amite County) | 60 | 82 |
| Friendship (Pike County) | 145 | 87 |
| East Moss Point | 178 | 74 |
| Friendship (Jackson County) | 54 | 47 |
| Bethlehem (Jones County) | 108 | 86 |
| Mantee | 113 | 40 |
| Houlka | 77 | 41 |
| New Zion (Copiah County) | 96 | 75 |
| Jackson, Davis Memorial | 219 | 90 |
| Meridian, First | 707 | |
| Meridian, Fifteenth Ave. | 510 | 143 |
| Meridian, Highland | 451 | 162 |
| Meridian, Southside | 364 | 168 |
| Meridian, Eighth Ave. | 358 | 104 |
| Meridian, 41st Ave. | 260 | 81 |
| Meridian, Poplar Springs | 278 | 74 |
| Meridian, Oakland Heights | 148 | 48 |
| Meridian, Oak Grove | 157 | 52 |
| Meridian, Key Field Mission | 62 | |
| Jackson, First | 1,119 | 460 |
| Jackson, Northside | 433 | 154 |
| Jackson, Parkway | 654 | 255 |
| Parkway Chapel | 73 | 37 |
| Jackson, Van Winkle | 391 | 247 |
| Jackson, Elrairie | 100 | 100 |
| East Side (Rankin County) | 123 | 82 |

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The Orphanage wishes to thank you for your consideration of the welfare and support of the boys and girls of this Home and the splendid manner in which you have helped to meet their needs. In addition to the large number who have made the Orphanage their Home for a number of years, more than 60 boys and girls have been admitted this year to make this their new Home. The Orphanage wishes to do for them just as they have been doing for others. Give them a chance to develop physically, mentally, spiritually and socially.

Of these three institutions . . . government, church, and home . . . I do not hesitate to say that the home is the most important; for it is in the home that statesmen who build and operate government according to divine wisdom and justice, and churchmen who lead the church in militant world conquest in Christ's name, are conceived, born, shaped and made.—Ellis A. Fuller in Home Life.

— BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT —

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Associational Organizations Prepare For Last Meeting of Year

The Associational Brotherhood Organizations are making plans for the last meeting of 1948. The theme for the meeting is to be "Distinctive Baptist Doctrines."

We are listing below the Associations, dates, and meeting places that we have in hand.

Pike County, Monday evening, November 22, at East McComb Church.
Leake, Thursday evening, November 25, at Wiggins Church.

Walthall, Monday evening, November 29, at Mesa Church.

Marion, Tuesday evening, November 30, at Goss.

Pearl River, Friday evening, December 3, at Poplarville.

Lauderdale, Monday evening, December 6, at 41st Ave. Church.

Jeff Davis, Monday evening, December 6, at Phaltl.

Jones, Tuesday evening, December 7, at Summerland.

Rankin, Tuesday evening, December 7, at Puckett.

Simpson, Tuesday evening, December 7, at Corinth.

Gulfcoast, Thursday evening, December 9, at East Side Church, Gulfport.

Lincoln, Thursday evening, December 9, place to be announced.

Tippah, Monday evening, December 13, at Ripley.

Hinds-Warren, Monday evening, December 13, at Bowmar Ave. Church.

Leflore, Tuesday evening, December 14, at Itta Bena.

Newton, Thursday evening, December 16, at Hickory.

George, Thursday evening, December 16, at Lucedale.

Madison and Deer Creek have not reported on their meeting time or place.

This is the SEASON when ALL Loyal Baptists are expected to come to the aid of the ORPHANAGE by making an over and above THANK OFFERING. MAY WE DEMAND ON YOU and YOU and YOU?

You are helping to Build Tomorrow's Citizens. Children are Life's Investments. Help Mould Them and Make Them. We know we can count on your support as always. Make a Love Offering for the ORPHANAGE.

347 Attend Jackson County BTU Meeting

Fourteen churches of the 18 in the Jackson County Association were represented at the monthly meeting of the Jackson County Training Union Association which met with the First Church, Moss Point, on November 7.

There were 24 preachers present and the total attendance was 347.

Calvary Church, Pascagoula won the attendance banner; Bellefontaine, the percentage banner, and Ocean Springs, the mileage banner.

The inspirational address was delivered by Dr. I. E. Rouse, president of Mississippi Woman's College, and the Woman's College Ensemble rendered special music.

Rev. Wallace Harrell, Associational Missionary and also the Associational Training Union Director, states that the meeting was the best they have ever had.

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If God has dealt kindly with you, and we trust He has, and you have prospered in material things, will you just open the Windows of Heaven so that His blessings will overflow into your spiritual life. Then you will live abundantly. Be sure to make a THANKSGIVING LOVE OFFERING for the ORPHANAGE this THANKSGIVING SEASON.

N. O. Seminary Mourns Tragic Death Of Two Students

The New Orleans Seminary is under a heavy cloud of sorrow in the death of Miss Zola Mae Elliott of Lubbock, Texas, and Rev. Albert Hodge of Kenly, North Carolina, in an automobile accident Sunday morning, November 7. Mrs. Albert Hodge, Miss Billie McCloskey of Limona, Florida, and Rev. Fred Chestnut of Eight-Mile, Alabama, were seriously injured.

These consecrated young people were going to the Seminary's mission point at Sorrento, Louisiana, to conduct services. They were driving on a four-lane highway in which the two sides of the pavement were divided by a wide neutral ground. A Buick car moving at an excessive rate of speed in the opposite direction had a blow-out. The Buick jumped across the neutral ground and crashed into the Seminary's station wagon.

The students of the Seminary hope to raise enough money to build a much-needed Baptist church at Sorrento which is a needy and difficult mission point. It will be a lasting memorial to those noble young missionaries, two of whom have already died in the line of duty, and three of whom are yet dangerously ill from their injuries.

SERVING MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

● **A SERVICE MEDIUM:** The Mississippi Baptist Foundation is a service medium. It has two accounts—an Expense Fund and an Endowment Fund. The expense of carrying on the work comes from the distributable fund of the Cooperative Program. Presently it is receiving one cent out of every sixty cents, (the part of the Cooperative Program Dollar kept in Mississippi). The Endowment Fund comes from outright gifts, annuity contracts, wills, and insurance policies. This money is never spent. It is invested according to the best judgment of the Foundations Investment Committee. The earnings of the investments are sent periodically to the institutions to whom the money belongs; either by the will of the donor, or by right of ownership.

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left to the agencies and institutions themselves. The Foundation's sole objective is the building up of endowment for our agencies and institutions. They have been so hard pressed with the need for new buildings, equipment, and the like, that they find it difficult to devote any considerable time to the raising of endowment. The consequence is that they are in great need of large endowment. For example:

Mississippi College needs \$500,000.

Clarke Memorial College needs \$575,000.

Mississippi Woman's College needs \$225,000.

Blue Mountain College needs \$500,000.

● **DESIGNED TO SERVE:** The Mississippi Baptist Foundation was organized to serve the agencies and institutions of Mississippi Baptists and Southern Baptists. More particularly and specifically it was designed to serve Blue Mountain College, Clarke Memorial College, Mississippi College, Mississippi Woman's College, the Baptist Orphanage and the Baptist Hospital, World Missions, State, Home and Foreign.

● **HOW YOU CAN HELP:** There are two ways in which every Baptist can help the Foundation, by increasing your gifts through the Cooperative Program, you help to provide the necessary expense for carrying on the work of the Foundation. By making an outright gift, taking out an annuity contract, setting up a trust fund, and including the Foundation in your will, you can help build up the endowment for all our agencies and institutions.

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Backgrounds of Geographical Problems American Baptists

(An address at Ridgecrest, 1948, by Dr. W. O. Carver, Professor Emeritus of Comparative Religion and Missions, The Southern Seminary; and President, The Southern Baptist Historical Society. Release No. 2).

Thus after 18 years several major interests were the concern of three nationwide societies. But divisive interests and tendencies were working strongly against the movement to cement the Baptists in one denomination.

By 1845 failure was evident. They could not integrate a spiritual unity and fellowship sufficient to stand the strain of divergent secular theories and material interests. The Southern Baptist Convention was constituted—a secession from the General Convention. There was no formal separation from either the Publication Society or the Home Mission Society. In the South, Sunday School interests and publications were until much later in part cared for by organizations independent of the Convention and by the Domestic Board.

The name was changed to The American Baptist Missionary Union. Thus, all the denominational agencies centering in the Northern section, by name and claim, were "America," nation-wide in constituency and field of operation. Each agency was a distinct, unrelated unit. New organizations to meet the expanding and developing opportunities were all called "American," and their comprehensive designations were not surrendered when the Northern Convention, by its name and for the most part in planning, accepted a limiting and delimiting program (1908). This is important in considering the questions of territory which have more and more called for consideration.

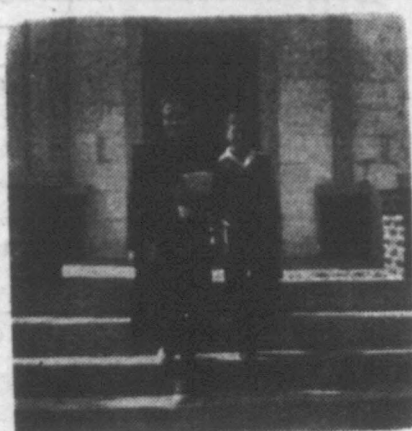
The ideal of a nation-wide denomination has not attained actual realization. That great name, "General Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States," has waited for more than a century for our people to reclaim it and fulfill the ideal of its founders.

If Northern Baptists held steadily in all lines to the claim to be "American," Southern Baptists confessedly were also neither sectional or sectarian. They made a special point of claiming that their "constitution is precisely that of the original union." The preamble and articles of the constitution followed verbatim the words of the General Convention's constitution, save where modifications were essential to fact and meaning. "Northern and Southern Baptists are still brethren. They differ in no article of faith . . . are guided by the same principles of gospel order."

If the Southerners had held consistently to this affirmation and if the first meeting of the Convention, in Richmond in 1846, they had appropriated the then abandoned name of the General Convention and had presented and conducted their organization as the actual continuation of that Convention, the history of American Baptists might have been very different from its actual course. They did not see their opportunity.

While they invited membership from "all parts of the United States and their territories," they put up protecting barriers against possible trouble from too free a response. Representation from Southern states was on the basis of one delegate for each \$250.00 contributed to the work of the Convention, with a limit of ten from any organization; from territory outside the South, \$1,000.00 was necessary for a delegate, and the limit for any organization was five.

Still it was clearly the intention to place no geographical limits to the membership or to the operations of the Convention. In 1846 the Domestic Board was already concerned with the westward emigration and in 1849 emphasized responsibility for "newly acquired territories of California and New Mexico," with special and extended stress on Cal-



Shown above is Della Rose and Ray Nash, who have attended every preaching service and every Sunday School service in the new Rockhill Church, which was completed almost three years ago. Rev. R. T. Lyles is the pastor of this progressive church.

ifornia. This has its bearing, evidently, on current tensions.

At no time has there been any constitutional recession from this nationwide concept. Upon occasion membership has included delegates from several Northern states, including New York and Oregon, and others in addition to border states.

When the Northern Baptist Convention came into being, by its name it recognized a geographical emphasis, yet adopted the preamble and followed largely the lines of the constitution of the original General Convention. In no way did it place constitutional limits on its sphere of membership, support, or activity. It was originated to "serve the common interest of our entire brotherhood." It is within the framework of these fundamental facts that all questions of limitation and delimitation of territory as between Conventions must be considered.

During the first 20 years after the division there was naturally little occasion for any adjustments as to territory. Lines were too sharply drawn. The Civil War left the South economically prostrate in the face of a stupendous spiritual responsibility for Negroes; Indians; destitute communities and inadequate church life, ministry, and physical equipment; expanding frontiers, moving population; and shortly, for growing immigration from Northern territory, from the Orient, and then from Europe. The relatively opulent North accepted a spiritual obligation, especially for the Negroes but also for the entire country, including the depressed Southern whites. And all the vast Southeast and West were clearly open opportunity and responsibility for all American Baptists.

In their impoverished circumstances Southern Baptists were in no position to resist nor too strongly to resent whatever the Home Mission Society might be ready to do by way of help. In the case of the Negroes, the workers came from the North and their work did not raise too many questions nor excessive resentments. In all the territory west of the Mississippi, the Home Mission Society and the Publication Society found a challenging and fruitful field and little competition or tension with the Domestic Board.

As the war animosities receded somewhat and where the Southern resources were so very insufficient for the pressing needs, the response to help and to separate work from Northern Baptists became more cordial. There developed really significant questioning whether it was good religion and good statesmanship to continue the Southern Convention. Of course the prevailing majority could not think of surrender. But it was not until the 80's that the permanence and independence of the Convention was assured and accepted.

In the areas east of the Mississippi River, the territory chiefly involved in the issue over which the division came in 1845, while there was overlapping in

Department of Temperance Activities

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We come to the Convention this year with humble gratitude to God for His rich blessings upon our work this year. The pastors have been very helpful and cooperative which has been a source of inspiration and encouragement. The moderators and officers of the associations have given our work a worthy place in their associational meetings. The wonderful cooperation on the part of all has given us a great deal of encouragement and have enabled us to reach the people. It is ours to arouse our people and create public sentiment against all unrighteousness and to work for a better government. Much has been accomplished in this direction. However, we are conscious of the fact that this is only the beginning, and we look toward even greater progress in the future.

Moreover, during this year God has blessed our efforts with 217 decisions for Christ. Of this number 147 were professions of faith, 47 additions by letter, and 23 were all-out surrenders for special service. It is our purpose to promote all of our work with a compassion for souls. We therefore

thank God and take courage.

CHRISTIAN CITIZENS' LEAGUES AT WORK

AMITE—Several of the county units of the Mississippi Christian Citizens' League are doing splendid work. From the very beginning the League in Amite County has been wide awake and its influence is going to be felt throughout the state. Their latest work was a series of services each night through the week of November 8-12 covering their entire county. We commend this sort of work to the other Christian Citizens' Leagues. It will help build the organization and multiply its membership. It has been a joy to work with the Amite County League through this week as on other occasions.

PIKE—It was my privilege to meet with the Pike County Christian Citizens' League on November 5th. This is another organization that is really wide awake and on the job. They are almost ready to file their petitions calling for a beer election. They are doing a good job. Please join us in prayer for a successful campaign to oust beer from their county.

MRS. D. W. McLEOD

It has pleased our Heavenly Father to call from the labors of this earth the soul of our dear friend and loved one, Mrs. Nora Rogers McLeod, wife of Rev. D. W. McLeod of Florence, Miss.

In her passing Steen's Creek Baptist Church has lost a most faithful and consecrated member; the community has lost a most loving and charitable spirit; and her husband has lost a most loyal and devoted companion.

Mrs. McLeod was born on October 27, 1868 and died on October 14, 1948. She was reared and lived most of her life in Rankin County. She became a member of the Baptist church at the age of twelve years, though she was really converted earlier than this.

It could truly be said of her that all the days of her life her soul did magnify the Lord and her spirit did rejoice in her Saviour.

She held the place of a preacher's wife but her own heart pulsed a true preacher's zeal and passion for saving souls and Christianizing the world. She was a great missionary leader and was able to speak intimately with her Lord and Saviour.

May we cherish her memory and emulate her virtues.

She has just stepped through the heavenly portals into a larger and more beautiful life in that city not made with hands, and has entered into her reward—a crown of righteousness which God has promised to all who faithfully serve Him.

Signed—One who loved her.

MRS. J. R. TAYLOR.

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I can write many nice things about Satan, typhoid fever, and plague as about covetousness; which becomes no one, is generally incurable, makes a man bless a community when he dies, "hoards itself poor," is young when all sins grow old, makes a man always poor, and causes wisdom to surrender to desire for gain.—Robert G. Lee in *The Baptist Training Union Magazine*.

Texas Baptists To Fight Nine Evils

HOUSTON, Tex.—(RNS)— Armed with a \$10,000,000 budget, the centennial meeting of the Baptist General Convention of Texas closed here with a promise to fight "nine outstanding evils."

The Convention approved a proposal of Dr. Tilson F. Maynard, the group's civic righteousness committee chairman, that the Baptists during the next year fight against liquor, gambling, indecent and immoral movies, bad literature, divorce, desecration of womanhood, juvenile and adult delinquency, Sabbath desecration and war.

In its war on liquor the Convention renewed a pledge to support the United Texas Drys during 1949 in a drive to return prohibition to Texas.

The \$10,000,000 budget, triple that of 1948, will give \$2,900,000 to causes of the Southern Baptist Convention, \$1,100,000 to state work, and \$6,000,000 to Baptist colleges and hospitals throughout the state.

The Convention also endorsed establishment of three welfare institutions—a home for the aged here, a ranch for homeless and destitute boys and a home for unwed mothers.

Dr. C. Wade Freeman, state superintendent of evangelism, voiced the need for establishment of 500 new mission stations in Texas' rapidly expanding suburban and industrial areas.

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The writer has never known a happy tither who was not a truly consecrated person. Nor has he known a pleasure-loving, worldly minded Christian who practiced tithing. No better reason can be given for tithing than that its practice draws us nearer to our Lord.—William Clyde Kirk in *The Teacher*.

service there was no competitive organization of Northern and Southern churches such as plagued Presbyterians and Methodists for a century. Farther west, chiefly since 1900, this competition has arisen.

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared By Bracey Campbell
Lesson for November 21

POETRY IN THE BIBLE. I Samuel 2:1-10; II Samuel 1:19-27; Psalm 23-24; 103; 136:1-9; Lamentations 3:19-39; Habakkuk 3:17-19; Luke 1:46-55.

I. POETRY. It is "Verbal Composition, imaginative and concrete in matter, and emotional and rhythmic in form." "Rhythm is the recurrence of accented and unaccented syllables in regular order." Hebrew poetry is not like ours, expressed for the most part, in what we may call rhymes.

The genius of Hebrew poetry was in its parallelisms. Its rhythm was logical rather than verbal. There was synonymous parallelism, in which the same thing is repeated in different words, as in the second verse of the first Psalm: "But his delight is in the law of the LORD: AND IN His law doth he meditate day and night." Sometimes the parallelism is antithetic, when the thought of the second line is opposite to that of the first line. "A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother."

There is just about every class of poetry in the Bible. A few days ago, one of the fine English teachers of Mississippi College, Mrs. McAfee, gave a most interesting chapel talk on the lyric poetry of the Bible. I have never heard a speaker discuss a subject with more ease and thoroughness and more delightful effect. In lyric poetry the poet seeks to give expression to his own emotions and experiences: his joys or sorrows, his aspirations or despair; or he reproduces in words the impression which nature and history have made upon him.

It is of the very nature of religion that it should express itself in song; for religion lays hold of the deepest emotions of the soul, and causes the heart strings to vibrate with the most varied and powerful feelings of which man is capable, which can only find expression through the voice and pen in those forms of human language which alone, by their varied movement, can express their varied emotions.

II. TWO WOMEN PRAY.

"Hannah, upon Samuel's birth, I Sam. 2:1-10. She had prayed God for a son, and had promised that she would lend the son to God for so long as the son should live. God gave the son, and Hannah. Get your bible now, and read this wondrous poem. God Himself is the theme of this great song. There is none to be compared with Him for holiness, power, and faithfulness. God guards and guides His saints, but He destroys the wicked.

1. Hannah, upon Samuel's birth. I Sam. 2. **MARY.** In prospect of the birth of Jesus. Luke 1:46-55. This song is known as the Magnificat, because the Latin word with which the song begins as presented in the Vulgate translation of the Roman Catholic Bible is this word, Magnificat. The entire song of Mary is an echo and enlargement of the song of Hannah sung hundreds of years before. It is the hymn of a humble maiden, conscious of her exalted place in God's plan of redemption. It is praise to God for remembering those of low degree, the hungry, the humble, at the same time scattering the proud and the mighty in the things of earth.

III. A KING LAMENTS THE DEATH OF HIS ENEMY. I Sam. 1:19-27. We have here a song of sorrow, of lamentation, a death dirge, a mournful elegy.

IV. THE SONG OF THE SHEPHERD. Psalm 23. Who does not love it? Only today, I had a pair of fine young college students read it in class as an exercise in public speech. The class will memorize and read it as a part of their course,

Calvary Church Goes Forward

The newly organized Calvary Church of Waynesboro continues to enjoy a healthy growth in the attendance of the Sunday School, B. T. U., W. M. U., and Worship Services since the arrival of their very capable leader Rev. Jack Cranford, Jr.

Services are still being held in the auditorium of the new Court House, but action has been taken for the construction of a complete plant adequate to the needs of the church. A church building program was adopted on Sunday and the building committee was authorized to proceed with the plans for the new building. If plans continue members of the church will complete the building by the first of the year. However, until the building is ready for occupancy services will continue to be held at the Court House and a cordial welcome is extended to the public in general to worship there.

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CALENDAR OF PRAYER

November 22—Southwide Simultaneous Associational Sunday School meetings; Charles Berry, BSU President, Pearl River Junior College.

November 23—W. L. Day, Winston County, Convention Board member; Sybil Hamilton, BSU President, Perkinson Junior College.

November 24—Student Thanksgiving Service; James Hodges, BSU President, Clarke College.

November 25—Baptist Orphanage children; James Breland, BSU President, East Central Junior College.

November 26—Mrs. Imogene Robinson, Hostess, Hederman and Gunter Halls, Mississippi College; Bill Thames, BSU President, Mississippi State.

November 27—George T. Parker, Clarke College faculty; Jean Allen, BSU President, MSCW.

November 28—Will M. Whittington, Greenwood, trustee, Baptist Foundation; Lewis Nobles, BSU President, Ole Miss.

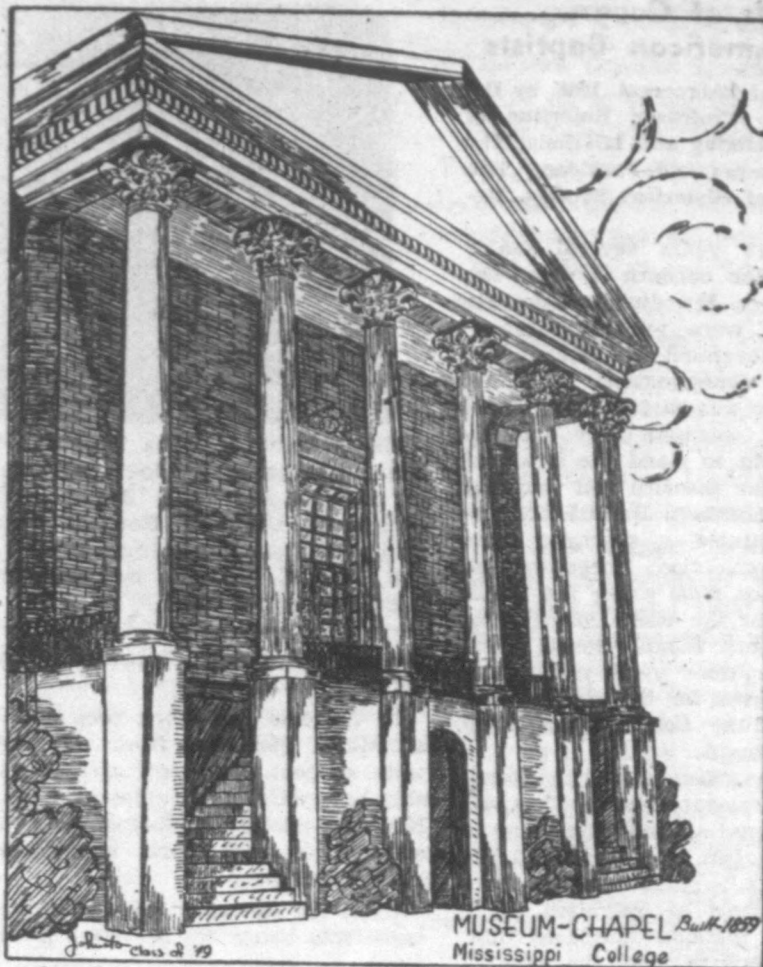
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If you feel that you must share your blessings with others, then remember those less fortunate than you. Thanksgiving is Orphanage time. Give it first place in your calendar of interest for the month of NOVEMBER.

and it will delight the members of the class to do it.

V. THE PROMISE OF HIS COMING. Psalm 24. There is not space here to comment upon it. Suffice it to say that it is the word of praise and celebration as fine as any anywhere else in all the world. I close my eyes now to see my own choir and to hear them sing it, "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; Yes, lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory will come in. Who is the King of Glory? Jehovah, strong and mighty, Jehovah mighty in battle." The song peals forth the glory of Jehovah of hosts, hosts of the armies of Israel, hosts of angels and the stars of heaven, which He brings forth by number.

VI. THE PRAISE SONG OF THE SOUL. Psalm 103. Read it till its sublime beauty and aptness of the expression of the praise of the soul lay hold upon you. Suppose we do not try to analyze it. Let us not tear it apart but let it stand, the matchless outpouring of the gratitude of the trusting heart and the praise of the heart reaching its arms upward to meet the grasp and caress of the downstretched arms of the Almighty. Make the song your own by losing yourself in it. Just let the words of it find lodgement in your heart and hold them there till soul stands speechless in the presence of God. Selah!



Texas Baptist 'Stag Train' Due For Convention

HOUSTON Texas —(RNS)— A 21-car "stag train" with a load of 1,000 male Baptists—and a Baptist railroad crew—is due to arrive here November 8 for the annual convention of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The 1,000 Baptists will come from Orange and Beaumont, Texas.

They asked for a complete Baptist train crew, and Southern Pacific Railroad officials obliged by assigning a conductor, engineer, fireman, two brakemen and a Negro porter, all of that denomination, to the train. All are from Houston.

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S. C. LAYMEN SET EVANGELISM RECORD

GREENVILLE, S. C. —(BP)— Laymen of the Dunbar Baptist Church here have witnessed 147 conversions in a six months period to set an evangelistic record among Brotherhoods of the Southern Baptist Convention.

John A. Farmer, state secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood movement, said that a check with national offices of the movement in Memphis reveals that the record has apparently not been equalled elsewhere.

The evangelistic report covers the first six months of 1948, according to a report from J. E. Bishop of the Dunbar church. There were 37 "reclamations" in addition to the 157 professions of faith, he said. Contacts for the soul-winning efforts were made in homes, hospitals penitentiary and other institutions of the city and county.

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GREAT MISSIONARIES TO THE ORIENT (\$1.50) by J. Theodore Mueller and published by Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, tells of missionary experiences in Japan, Africa and China. This is the third book in his stimulating "Great Missionary" series, telling of the wonderful works of grace which God has wrought in countries that constitute the threshold of Asia. Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store or to the publisher.

Plans Completed For Homecoming Day At Mississippi College

Plans have been completed for Homecoming Day at Mississippi College on September 20.

The day's activities will include: Open house with guided tours of the new buildings, lunch in the college cafeteria, Alumni business meeting, chapel meeting for Alumni and high school visitors and the football game between the Choctaws and East Texas Baptist College (2:00 P. M.).

All Alumni have been requested to bring one or more high school seniors who will be guests of the college during the day, for lunch and at the football game.

Prof. Donald Bell, Director of Public Relations, states that everything is in readiness for a large crowd of visitors. Guides will be provided for tours of the new buildings.

Concerning Mississippi College, Prof. Bell emphasizes the following facts: Mississippi College is America's first co-ed college, has been teaching longer than any American Baptist College; had the first woman graduate; 13th oldest denominational college in America; has two beautiful campuses at the "Gateway of the South"; noted for renowned Christian tradition; highest accrediting.

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Pittsburgh Court Gets Mohammedan School Care

PITTSBURGH —(RNS)— Must a Mohammedan child whose parents regard Friday as a holiday attend school on that day when state law requires that children go to school continuously through the week?

Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson Bey, who insist that their children remain away from school on Friday, are seeking an injunction against the Pittsburgh School Board.

School board attorneys told the court that Mr. Bey himself works on Fridays.



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THE MUSIC OF LIFE

"Not without design does God write the music of our lives. Be it ours to learn the tune, and not be dismayed at the rests. They are not to be slurred over, not to be omitted, not to destroy the melody, not to change the keynote. If we look up, God will beat the time for us. With the eye on Him, we shall strike the next note full and clear. If we sadly say to ourselves, 'There is not music in a rest', let us not forget that there is the making of music in it. The making of music is often slow and painful. How patiently God works to teach us! How long He waits for us to learn the lesson!"—Selected.

CHURCH-WIDE MUSIC TRAINING PROGRAM

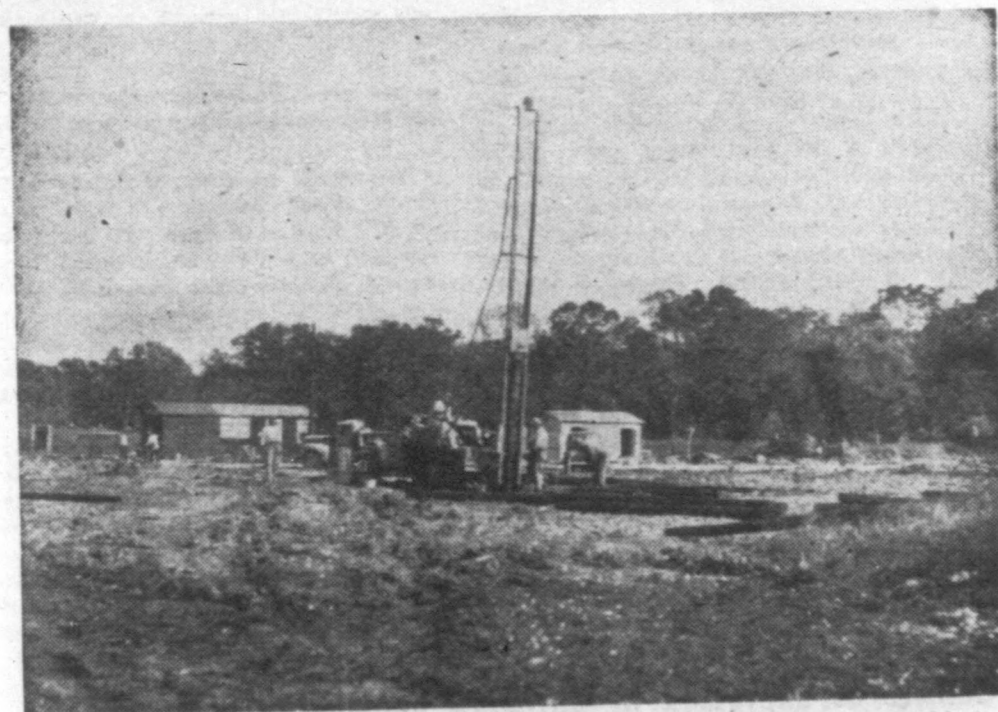
From the book, "Let Us Sing" is found this explanation of what a church-wide music program is, and what it endeavors to do. It is a program which "will include singing and training in singing, worship and training in worship. It will deal with each of the age groups and it will blend all age groups into a complete and harmonious church music program."

One of the greatest needs of the present day in the average church worship service is for more individual participation in congregational singing. The Age-Group Choir Plan has as one of its objectives to strengthen congregational singing. We are printing again the suggested names of

the different choirs and age groups:

Cherub Choir—ages 3-5; **Melody Choir**—ages 6-8; **Carol Choir**—ages 9-12; **Harmony Choir**—ages 13-16; **Chapel Choir**—ages 17-25; **Church Choir**—ages 26-up. For small churches some of the age groups may be combined. The important thing is not how many choirs organized but how many people reached and trained. Each local church music department should have as its primary aim to discover talent, enlist it in choirs, train it for the glory of Christ and use it in the church. Use these choirs for special occasions, at the regular Sunday services and at prayer meeting on Wednesday evenings.

The hope for future church music depends largely on the training we give the Youth of our churches who will become the church leaders of tomorrow. The church cannot expect to reach people for its music program as long as it is content to utilize haphazard methods of training or "directors" who have an "anything-will-do" philosophy. If the church today and tomorrow expects to produce effective programs through its ministry of music, it must be willing to see that those who come under the influence of such a program will have proper guidance from individuals adequately trained, musically and spiritually, to minister to their spiritual development through sacred music.



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HOME MISSION BUILDING TO BE ENLARGED

By John Caylor

The Home Mission Board has let a contract for the enlargement of its headquarters building from three stories to eight. It is expected that the additional stories, when completed will bring in revenue equivalent to the operating expenses of the headquarters office. Funds for the construction of the additional stories are provided from amounts given to the Board for investment, only the income from which is to be used for operation expenses.

It is the conviction of members of the Board that more income for home missions can be secured by investing the money in the building than would accrue as a result of investment in bonds or other securities.

The construction is expected to be completed within a year.

INSPIRE THROUGH THE MISSIONARIES

Through Schools of Missions, which are becoming increasingly popular, missionaries are stirring the hearts of Southern Baptists and inspiring the churches to greater missionary effort. Mission books and pictures as used in the schools are also helping to inform Baptists concerning their own mission programs.

During the first ten months of this year there have been 148 Schools of Missions with a grand total attendance of 775,740.

In North Carolina a rural layman said, concerning a School of Missions, "This is the greatest something that has come our way. Some few of us have heard missionaries at Ridgecrest and wished all of our church could have been there. This week we have had a Ridgecrest in our church."

In a west Texas city, following a missionary's address, many said, "This has revived our church and blessed every life. We shall forever feel and do differently about our missionaries."

In Wilmington Association in North Carolina, the total attendance hearing the missionaries in the school was 13,444. From Spartanburg, South Carolina, comes a gratifying report of a grand total attendance of 15,000. Young churches in Los Angeles, California, proved that they could conduct a simultaneous School of Missions just as effectively as their eastern elders and respond even more readily to missionary messages.

Key men in the Schools of Missions programs are the state promotional men. Most of the state of the convention now have assigned individuals to promote this work.

Among those who have been designated to assist in the promotion of this program are: Collis Cunningham, Alabama; A. B. Barnes, Arizona; A. F. Crittendon, California; Frank K. Brasington, District of Columbia; Clifford Walker, Florida; Bernard King, Georgia; Noel Taylor, Illinois; W. H. Curl, Kentucky; N. J. Westmoreland, Kansas; Earle Bradley, J. C. Pipes, and E. L. Spivey, North Carolina; Sam Scantlan, Oklahoma; Charles F. Sims, South Carolina; E. K. Wiley, Tennessee; and A. C. Miller, Texas.

Programs that have been most successful have been handled through the state promoter who advises about dates and helps prevent conflicts. He also forwards requests for missionaries to the Home and Foreign Boards and contacts state missionaries.

If you would like for your church to share in the blessings brought by the Schools of Missions, write the promotional man in your state or to

40 & 25 Years Ago

By Rev. J. L. Boyd, Sr.
40 YEARS AGO

The Purvis Baptist Church is recovering from the storm that blew their house of worship away, and has just experienced a glorious revival during which 26 were added to the membership—15 of these by baptism. The new house is in process of building.

The Galilee Church, Gloster, "took in" 40 by letter and 20 for baptism as a result of a city-wide tent meeting led by Evangelist Ham of Bowling Green, Ky.

25 YEARS AGO

Rev. E. S. Pool is asked to supply the pulpit of the Main Street Church of Hattiesburg in the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. E. Wills, who is on vacation for his health.

Mississippi College gives a barbecue-picnic dinner on the Homecoming and Visitors Day when 2500 persons enjoyed the repast and fellowship.

THE ATOMIC BOMB AND THE WORD OF GOD (25c) by Wilbur M. Smith and published by Moody Press, 153 Institute Place, Chicago, Ill., is a re-examination of things men thought secure. Dr. Smith deals in this book with the astonishing prediction in the New Testament regarding an event yet to take place, in which the principle of destruction is exactly the principle now used for the first time in the atomic bomb. Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store or to the publisher.

B. C. Daughdrill, of Lees, has a plan for saving time. Instead of sending in his yearly subscription, he recently sent three dollars to pay for two years. He will not be bothered about renewing for two years. Other people might IMITATE this plan.

your state secretary for literature and assistance.

Schools of missions stir the churches to support the missionaries.

NEW MISSION RECRUITS

Among the newly appointed missionaries for the Home Mission Board are Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Johns, to serve the Pima Indians at Blackwater, Arizona. Brother and Mrs. Johns are of the Pima tribe, and are a young couple who have been very active in their local church and have answered the call to be missionaries to their own people.

Rev. and Mrs. Juan Duron have gone to the Mexican field at Bryan, Texas, to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Rev. Ralph Arms, and Miss Evangelina Lopez has gone to Belen, New Mexico, to work in the kindergarten and fill the vacancy left by the extended sick leave of Mrs. Helen Hardman.

AN SOS CALL FOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHAPLAINS

By Alfred Carpenter, Director, Chaplains Commission

All branches of the service are in dire need of the type of ministry performed by our Southern Baptist preachers. In the Army, the total Baptist quota is 35 short of its goal. Southern Baptists are short 10. In the Navy we need 15 Baptist chaplains immediately.

The National Guard is in need of at least 20 Southern Baptist chaplains.

The urgent call is for young preachers in their early thirties.

Numbers of former chaplains in the over-age bracket are returning to duty.

Denominational endorsement is required for all branches of the service. Apply to Chaplains Commission, 161 Spring Street, N. W., Atlanta 3, Ga.

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Associates: W. C. Morgan, Louise Hill, Alene Johnson



MR. ARTHUR FLAKE

Somebody had a birthday yesterday, November 17th, and that somebody is one that perhaps had more to do with establishing Training Union in Mississippi than any other person, Arthur Flake. Mr. Flake was a young business man in Winona in the very earliest days of Training Union (B.Y.P.U.) and led in the organization of the first B. Y. P. U. in Mississippi. This was in Winona. A little later he was the inspiration in getting the State Training Union Convention organized and became the first secretary, with L. P. Leavell as the first president. Not long after this these two men were employed by the Baptist Sunday School Board of Nashville and became two of the first Southwide Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. field workers. From then on both Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. began to take root and grow. In 1918 these same men became heads of two great departments of the Sunday School Board, Sunday School Administration and B. Y. P. U. Mr. Flake accepting the Sunday School Administration department. We, along with the entire Southern Baptist Convention, are greatly indebted to Mr. Flake whom we are honoring today, for his contribution to this department of work. Mr. Flake, now in his eighties, continues to remember the work in prayer. We wish for you, Brother Flake, the abiding presence and blessing of the Holy Spirit. May your days be filled with grace and peace and thank you for laying the foundation for us which has made the building of the structure easier.

Verona Sets Up Training Union

It was the happy privilege of your State Training Union Secretary to spend three days with the Verona Church and help them organize a Training Union. Brother J. D. Thompson, the pastor, had built a fine spirit for the organization. The people were ready hence the task was easy.

Mrs. L. H. James was elected director, Robert E. Lee, Jr., Secretary, Rev. C. E. Anthony and Mrs. Edd Burgess, Young People's Leaders, Mrs. Ellis Paulk and Mrs. W. Trapp, Junior Leaders, Mrs. Landis Gregory and Mrs. Robert E. Lee, Jr., Story Hour Leaders, Mr. Tyson Hodges, Adult President, and the other officers of the adult union follow: Vice-President, Owen Dye; Secretary, A. T. Sprayberry; B. R. L., Mrs. W. B. Holland; Social Leader, Mrs. Ivy Bishop; Missionary Leader, Mrs. L. H. Brannan; Group Captains, Mrs. Fred Wheeler and Mrs. Oren Hodges. It was a joy to work with this group and we predict a training union doing quality work from the beginning.

Sladen Juniors Send Bibles to Japan

What is your Missionary project? The Junior Union at Sladen, Marshall County, clubbed together and put \$4.90 of their money together and sent it to the American Bible Society for Bibles and Testaments to go to Japan. These Juniors will live to see the result of such missionary work, and it could be possible that this act may inspire one or more of them to give their life to the cause of Christ in Japan.

Fifteen Churches in Jones Cooperate in Enlargement Campaign

Thanks to Associational Missionary Rev. Tom Renfro, pastor of the churches and other leaders for planning for and carrying through the plans for the simultaneous campaign in Jones County the week of November 1-5. Fifteen churches cooperated, each with a visiting worker. All through the week the spirit was fine, the attendance credible, and the goals challenging. Missionary Renfro says "we are going to have another in 1949 and then we will have EVERY church participating." Your State Secretary had the pleasure of visiting each church and making a short talk and is indebted to Brother Renfro for making this possible. Training Union continues to make its contribution. Give it a chance in your church.

—BR—

Greenville First Has A Great Year

The past year has been a great one with First Church, Greenville. Contributions have totalled more than \$78,000, baptisms more than 100 and 120 have been added by letter. Mission gifts amounted to \$10,000.

The evening worship services are broadcast over WJPR and FM.

On Sunday, October 7, Dr. E. D. Elliott began his fourth year as pastor. Capacity crowds greeted him at both services. There were 872 present in Sunday School and 265 in Training Union.

During Dr. Elliott's pastorate there have been 580 additions and 112 lives dedicated to Christian service. The membership now totals 1,970 compared to 1,796 at the beginning of Dr. Elliott's pastorate. There are 410 known tithers and 600 who give to all causes every month.

—BR—

East McComb Counts Blessings

East McComb church feels that they have been blessed by the Lord during the past year. There have been 94 additions to the church.

The church gave \$42,508 to all causes and \$7,143 to missions, of which \$4,660 passed through the Cooperative program.

During the past 18 months a pastorium has been built, a seven room house purchased for additional Sunday School rooms, and an Educational Building built. All this cost \$26,000 and only \$6,000 is unpaid.

Pastor E. C. Edwards and the East McComb people are thankful for these blessings.

—BR—

Some people think a sermon is good because it is one that some of our neighbors should have heard.—First Baptist Herald, Crystal Springs.



JENNINGS HALL FOR WOMEN

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Sparks & Splinters

The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the Zion Baptist Association, held with Fellowship Church on September 22-23. Rev. J. W. Hicks is moderator, and Rev. D. M. Metts, Sr., is the clerk. The next session meets with Edgeworth Church on September 23, 1949. Pastor Metts has done an excellent job of preparing the minutes and the printers seem to have done equally well in printing them.

Mrs. Robert C. Johnston, of Stringer, sent a nice list of renewal subscriptions from Stringer Church.

Miss Franziska Heinrich will give a personal piano recital in the Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium of Blue Mountain College Monday evening, Nov. 22. Miss Heinrich is a member of the music faculty. Two of the numbers of her repertoire will be the D Minor Concerto by MacDowell and the E Flat Major Concerto by Liszt. The orchestral accompaniments for the concertos will be played on the second piano by one of Miss Heinrich's students, Eva Keith of Blue Mountain. There will be no admission charge since this is a public service performance.

Rev. J. W. White, church clerk, recently sent a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions from Pilgrim's Rest Church, Attala County.

Rev. Barney Thames, Mississippian, and now pastor of the Dorcas Wills Memorial Church, Trinity, Texas, writes that the Lord continues to bless his work. During his pastorate there has been an increase of more than 400 per cent in the budget and a 1,000 per cent increase for missions. But the best of all, says Pastor Thames, "We had about 15 to surrender to preach the gospel and 10 to surrender for mission work wherever the Lord leads."

Deacon W. A. Rhodes, Sr., of Mt. Moriah Church near Iuka, continues to be a stalwart supporter of the Baptist Record. Recently he sent in a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions from the good church.

After prayer meeting on November 3, Wesson church surprised Pastor W. C. Drummond, Jr., when Miss Bonnie Joyce Keenan presented a gift to him from the church. The card enclosed with the 17-jewel Bulova watch read, "With love and best wishes from members of the Wesson Baptist Church."

Rev. I. F. Metts, who serves the Chester church in connection with his pastorate at Ackerman, recently taught the book of Hebrews during the Bible Study Course, October 24-29. The people liked it so well that plans are being made to have another study course not later than January.

Mrs. Minnie L. Guyton has been elected as executive secretary of the W. M. U. in Arizona. Mrs. C. H. Ray has resigned as executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union in Arkansas.

Illinois Baptists elected W. A. Gray, Effingham pastor, as moderator, and adopted a Co-operative Program goal of \$225,000. The Convention voted to keep the headquarters at Carbondale for the present time.

Pastor M. S. Riley, who serves New Jerusalem Church, Carroll County, in connection with his pastorate at Carrollton, recently sent four new and one renewal subscriptions from New Jerusalem Church.

The Baptist Record is grateful for a nice list of renewal subscriptions from New Life Church, Tallahatchie County, sent in by Joe Tribble.

Dr. G. Campbell Morgan says, "It's the preachers business to fill the pulpit—the people's business to fill the pews."—First Baptist Herald, Crystal Springs.

Rev. Mr. Roosevelt of the New Orleans Baptist Seminary has been called as

pastor of the Eastside Church, Pascagoula.

The Baptist Record appreciates a nice list of new subscriptions from Providence Church, Chickasaw County. The list was sent by Mrs. William Nichols, the church clerk.

Among recent visitors in the office of The Baptist Record were: Rev. Henry C. Walker, Ocean Springs; Rev. H. F. Williams, Clinton; Rev. Earl Brooks, Hopewell; Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Aycock, Clinton; Rev. Robert L. Lee, New Orleans; Mrs. N. I. Presson, Jackson; Mrs. Sydney Berry, Jackson; Rev. J. B. Carpenter, Clinton; Mrs. Alice Stiles, and Mrs. A. G. Wilkins, Brooksville; O. B. Farmer, Crystal Springs; Rev. Lewis V. Wells, Jackson; Rev. Robert B. Dickson, Jr., Greenville; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Headrick, and Natille, Hattiesburg.

The Orphanage has a program for the future. More buildings are to be constructed, more opportunities for development are to be offered. This necessarily calls for the expenditure of money. We look to our friends and the friends of little children for that.

The following officers were elected by the Central Grove Church, Monroe County, W. T. Darling, pastor, to serve during the year: Sunday School superintendent, J. G. Caldwell; Sunday School secretary, George Sisk; French Early, Mrs. Dudley Lusby, Mrs. Corinne Sisk, and Mrs. James Williams, teachers; Training Union director, Bill Hamblin; associate director, Mrs. Howard Lusby; Training Union secretary, Mrs. George Sisk, B. A. U. President, Mrs. Sidney Herndon, Associate Pres. Mrs. Oliver Stanley, Bible Quiz Leader, Mrs. J. G. Caldwell, President B.Y.P.U. Miss Fay Herndon, Associate Pres. Miss Kate Caldwell, Secty. Miss Nellie Shepherd, Bible Quiz Leader, Paul Hamblin, Intermediate and Juniors, Pres. Mrs. J. B. Williams, Associate Pres. Mrs. Bill Hamblin, Bible Quiz Leader, Gene Causby, Story Hour, Leader, Mrs. Mark Harris, Associate Leader Mrs. J. G. Caldwell.

Elmo Church, Union Association, has held a series of stewardship services. The pastor, Rev. M. C. Nelson, spoke on the Stewardship of Life, Tithe, Testimony, Time, and Talents. W. J. Nelson of Clinton led the singing. Wendell Russell of Clinton was pianist. The following laymen spoke on different phases of stewardship: H. L. Hobby, Fayette; A. E. Alderman, Hermanville; R. L. Stevens, Union Church.—Mrs. Guy Case, Reporter.

A preacher was once accused of stirring up the town and church and raising a fuss. His reply was "you say I have stirred up this town and church and raised a fuss. I have just let my bucket down a little too deep and stirred the mud. It's YOUR MUD and my bucket."—First Baptist Herald, Crystal Springs.

Many people bear sorrow and trouble silently, keeping grief within themselves, but when it comes to bearing joy there must be sharing. One cannot really express his or her happiness without telling another about it. One's joy, when shared, becomes multiplied. SHARE WITH THE ORPHANAGE THIS THANKSGIVING SEASON.

I am thankful for home training which led me to understand that my body is God given and must be free from preventable blemish . . . for the guidance which taught me Christian economy and tithing, that God is directly responsible for our success; and that to rob Him of His share is dishonest . . . for the truth that frugality is commendable but stinginess condemnable.—Burton Wheeler in The Baptist Student.

THOMAS DOWNS LICENSED



Thomas Downs was recently licensed to preach by Lula Church in Madison County.

Mr. Downs is a junior at Mississippi College and is available for pastoral or supply work. His address is Clinton.

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WILL THE CIRCLE BE UNBROKEN (\$1.00), by Hyman J. Appleman and published by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, will rekindle your fire for the Lord. Love for the lost, concern for Christians, tenderness for the tempted, guidance for the groping—these are the fuels which Author Appleman uses in this book, outlined by these chapters: Will the Circle Be Unbroken?, Straying Sinners and a Suffering Saviour, The Unwanted Christ, The Blood of Jesus Christ, In Christ, and God's Proclamation. Orders should be sent to the publisher or to the Baptist Book Store.

At the recent meeting of the Columbus Association resolutions were adopted regarding the going of Associational Missionary Rev. Boyd Armstrong, to the pastorate of Beaver Church, Cynthiana, Kentucky. The resolutions speak in highest terms of Brother Armstrong and his family, emphasizing their consecrated Christian character as well as the effectiveness of his work. The resolutions are signed by Sam J. Wilder, moderator, Miss Mildred Brock, clerk, and the following committee: B. C. Willcutt, chairman; L. B. Wages, and J. F. Sansing.

Five new children were added to the Orphanage family last week as follows: Jimmie Flaherty, age 11 from Pontotoc; Jerry Hutchins, age 8; Vera Sue Hutchins, age 9; Jackie Hutchins, age 10; Russell Hutchins, age 12; all from Jackson.

Falling Creek Church, Clarke County, ordained Lon Battle as a deacon on November 7. Rev. J. L. Hearn is pastor. Rev. E. C. Hendrick and Rev. J. S. Nobles assisted in the ordination. Mr. Nobles preached the ordination sermon.

Renewing her subscription to The Baptist Record, Mrs. C. L. Forrester of Mantee writes, "You can't imagine how much good and pleasure my family (my little 8 year old girl and I) have gotten out of The Baptist Record this past year."

HE WILL ABUNDANTLY PARDON (\$2.75) by Walter A. Maier and published by the Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Missouri, is Volume 16 in a series of radio sermons preached by Dr. Maier. Each of the eighteen sermons contained therein is a sermon gem, full of striking illustrations and refreshing new applications of the Gospel. Among the faith-strengthening, heart-searching messages are: Christ, Come into Our Home; Marred Lives Remade—in Christ; Christ—or Cash?; Come Over to the Lord's Side, and Perfect Peace for You—in Christ. Orders should be sent to the publisher or to the Baptist Book Store.

One tenth of the energy that goes into driving the nails or plowing the field; one tenth of the thought that goes into the business transaction or the planning for the homes—that is God's. One tenth of the study or preparation for a profession; one tenth of the apprenticeship or experience for the job is dedicated to God.—Duke K. McCall in The Sunday School Builder.

CONVICT STARTS NEW LIFE AS CHURCH WORKER

Chicago—Arthur Hiller, 29, served his jail sentence and then asked the warden if he could stay in the Stateville Penitentiary six months longer.

Hiller's reason for this unprecedented request was simple. He was taking several correspondence school Bible courses and he wanted to complete them.

When the warden pointed out that it was legally impossible to comply with such a request, Hiller accepted his release and came immediately to the Pacific Garden Mission here, a celebrated refuge for down-and-outers, to begin life anew as a church worker.

Hiller's conversion from a criminal career—which started with a burglary at the age of 15—dates back to 1946 when he heard a sermon delivered by the Rev. Peter Tanis, a Protestant chaplain.

Now that the ex-convict is at the Pacific Garden Mission he plans to spend the next four years there helping in "human reclamation work." After his day's work at the Mission he will attend the evening school of the Moody Bible Institute. On week-ends he'll assist Mr. Tanis at church services throughout the Middle West.

Hiller said he views his new religious faith in a practical way.

"I went into this with my eyes open and they are still open," he explained. "Religion is faith in God but it is also an intellectual acceptance. I hope to be able to convince men who live in the present like I did in the past that only through God is there a way to happiness and peace of mind."

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Magnolia First Observes Pastor's First Anniversary; 24 Additions During Revival

October 31, the First Baptist Church at Magnolia observed the first anniversary of Rev. John Maddox as their pastor. There was a record attendance of 291 in Sunday School, and the morning worship service was followed with an old fashion dinner on the ground. 164 were in Training Union that night.

The Lord has richly blessed the church's work during the past year. There were 149 additions, 68 by baptism. This was the largest number of baptisms for any church in the Pike County Association. The church has purchased a new Knabe grand piano to go with the Moller organ which they already had. The South Magnolia Mission has been completed and services are held there each Sunday afternoon.

September 25 through October 3, a revival was held at the church with the Pastor's brother, Rev. Samuel Maddox, personnel secretary for the Foreign Mission Board, as the evangelist. The pastor led the music. There were 24 additions during the revival. Both the evangelist and the pastor asked that the love offering from the revival be given to their parents, Dr. and Mrs. O. P. Maddox, retired missionaries, to assist them in their return to Brazil where they have been missionaries for 41 years.

The Sunday following the revival, Missionary Maddox preached for the morning service and the church presented him with a check for \$1,000. He and Mrs. Maddox sailed for Brazil October 14.

Convention Secretary Writes Thanksgiving Poem

Editor's Note: Porter Routh, Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention and official statistician, composed the following poem and sent it to Charley Gage, director of promotion of the Southern Baptist Relief Center. We publish it with the prayer that our readers will be moved to make a worthy offering of clothing, bedding and money for world relief during the Thanksgiving season.

BY PORTER ROUTH
On Thanksgiving Day
When I close my eyes to pray
And thank God
For turkey, potatoes, pumpkin pies, and bread,
I see a hungry baby crying,
A starving mother dying,
And this is my prayer with bowed head:
O Father!
Forgive me for having so much
When others have so little today.
Help me to share my clothes and food,
To remember the world when I pray.

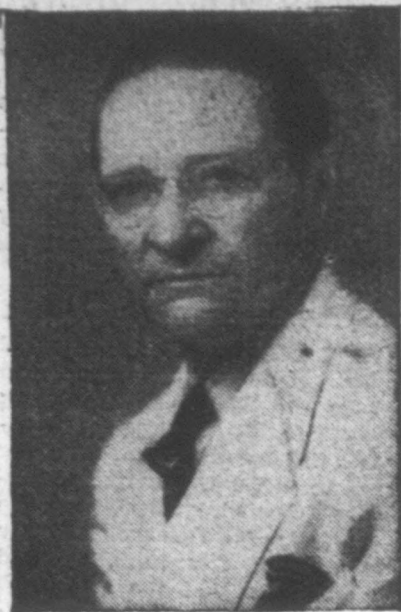
NO LIQUOR ADS IN THESE

So often people ask, "Which are the magazines without alcoholic beverage advertisements?" Here are some:

Saturday Evening Post, Country Gentleman, Ladies' Home Journal, Good Housekeeping, Pathfinder, The Parents' Magazine, The Woman, Scholastic, Etude Magazine, Capper Publications, The Christian Herald, National Geographic, Science and Mechanics, Photoplay, Popular Mechanics, Radio Mirror, Scientific American, The Readers' Digest, Progressive Farmer, The Farmer, Better Homes and Gardens.

—Copied.

SECOND, GREENVILLE NOTES GROWTH



M. E. PERRY

Second Church, Greenville, has noted much progress since the coming of Pastor M. E. Perry four months ago.

During his first week as pastor, Mr. Perry led in a revival which was rich in spiritual and physical results. Since that time more than 50 have united with the church, bringing the membership near 500; the Training Union has more than doubled; the Sunday School has grown from 45 to 184; finances have more than quadrupled.

Pastor Perry says his biggest job is to move fast enough to keep from being run over.

Calvary Men, Warren County, Organize Fellowship Club

Eighteen of the men of Calvary Church in Warren County met at the home of one of the members on last Friday night for a men's fellowship group. These men, led by the Pastor, Rev. Leonard T. Van Horn, enjoyed an evening of fun and fellowship and decided to make it a regular affair once a month.

The men of Calvary church, old and young, are taking an active part in all the affairs of the church working together in a spirit of harmony and co-operation never before felt. This is felt in all phases of the church work. The Sunday school has had to enlarge and form two new classes, one meeting in the bus and the other in a nearby store building. A nursery is now conducted which is being equipped with necessary items by the ladies of the WMU. This will enable many of the mothers with small children to attend service and be able to worship without interruption and at the same time to know their children are well cared for.

"Calvary church is no longer a little country church," the pastor reminded a group of his listeners as he challenged them to give of their best to the Master in the way God leads them to work and give and pray for the incoming of His Kingdom.

The church is growing. People are being reached for Christ and the Christians are having a spiritual uplift under the leadership and the preaching of Pastor Van Horn.

Providence Church, in Franklin County, does not do things by halves. They recently sent a list of 43 new and renewal subscriptions for The Baptist Record. Such churches have enabled The Baptist Record to have the largest circulation in its history.

Rifts of Blue

By Mrs. Adele Baker, President, Mississippi W.C.T.U., Tupelo, Miss.
"Be of good cheer—I have overcome the world," said Jesus, in John 16:33.

Dr. Dana Gibson after a six months tour of the world, spoke on his return on the theme, "What's Right With the World?" When asked how he could speak on such a theme after touring the world with his eyes open, he declared it would be much easier to speak on "What Wrong With the World?" because it is human nature to catch discords rather than harmonies. "But," he added, "Surveying the world picture today, I feel as one who gazes upon a sky o'er cast with dark clouds but who sees here and there the most glorious rifts of blue."

Senator Harry C. Cain leaving Washington to attend the World Assembly for Moral Rearmament in Switzerland in September said: "It is not enough to focus the light on what's wrong, but it is imperative we unite on what's right." These statements called to my mind my own reaction recently after an examination of a copy of "Life" magazine and then copies of "The Union Signal," "The Christian Herald," "The World Outlook" and "The Chicago Christian Advocate." Despite the skill shown and risks incurred to get excellent and unusual pictures, despite some beautiful pictures, when I reached the last page of "Life," I had a sad and hopeless feeling, "My people," I thought, "are willing to deceive and degrade their fellow men for the sake of money—My people are vulgar, extravagant, selfish and irreligious."

Turning to the Christian magazines, I found men and women teaching a better way of life, a healthful, non-alcoholic way, an unselfish, forgiving way, a glorious way, the way Jesus walked giving themselves unreservedly in service to draw men everywhere to Christ. My soul was filled with joy and hope.

As we look at the Alcohol Problem in our own State, what are some of the rifts of blue As we find solutions in Mississippi we shall be helping to solve National and World alcohol problems.

The first rift is our incomparable Leader, Guide and Saviour, who taught us to pray, "Thy Kingdom Come." Jesus would not have taught us to pray for an unattainable goal. The Christian religion alone makes hope a cardinal virtue. The second is the renewed interest and activity in our Churches, both among our ministers, the women's organizations and the leaders of youth. The third rift is the character of the young people themselves. Yes, many learn to drink in high school, continue in college and some meet accident or death on the highway, but others are looking the problem in the face and saying, as a college boy in my town said to me recently, "My body is the temple of God and I refuse to defile or degrade it with alcohol." The fourth rift is the increasing number of organizations attacking the problem.

The State rightly emphasizes alcohol education in the public schools, but many schools do not carry out the instructions of the law or the suggestions of the director of narcotics education; the Churches are beginning to give more time and thought to temperance instruction in the graded lessons of the church school programs of the youth societies, and women's organizations, but little is done to educate men or to train teachers. Other organizations emphasize legislation, law enforcement, citizenship, and still others rehabilitation.

United effort for total abstinence, training of teachers, opposition to liquor advertising over the radio and in the press, driving cocktails from the home

Canadians Fight Restriction Of Religious Broadcasts

Toronto—(RHS) Restrictions on religious broadcasts in Canada have produced a flood of protests to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

Under a new policy of the CBC, church services are not permitted on the air after 5 p. m. on Sundays.

The Rev. D. M. Kerr said contact had been made with the CBC governors, but no attention had been paid to the plea of the clergy.

"Even independent stations cannot put on a religious program Sunday night without the permission of the CBC," said Mr. Kerr. "We must check the drift toward secularism on Sundays."

WHY I TITHE

By DR. A. A. KITCHINGS, Clinton
I tithe because it is plainly taught in the Bible. The Bible should be the rule of conduct for all Christians. I know of no teaching in the Bible that is more explicit and more challenging.

I tithe because I have found by some years of experience that God and I can do so much more with nine tenths of my income than I can with ten tenths minus God.

I tithe because I have seen God's heavy hand laid upon so many stubborn children of His, and I do not want the same chastening for refusing to pay God's tithe. I tithe because I get so much joy out of putting my tithe to work in the Kingdom of my Lord and there are so many places where He needs it.

I tithe because God has guaranteed an unmeasured blessing to those who bring all the tithe into the store house. I have practiced it long enough to know that He will do it.

If you are not a tither, begin now and test the Lord.

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A. A. KITCHINGS

and social gatherings, would greatly strengthen our common cause.

How we do need Christian fathers and mothers who are "grown-up" in their understanding of this problem as it affects their children. Mrs. Grace Sloan Overton tells of one evening when she was invited to dine in a home where cocktails were served before dinner. When Mrs. Overton declined the drink, it aroused the curiosity of the little eight year old daughter of the host who queried, "Isn't Mrs. Overton old enough to drink, Daddy?" In an attempt to relieve the embarrassment of the situation, the father replied: "Perhaps she is old enough to know better." Quickly the child retorted in an earnest tone of voice, "When will you be old enough to know better, daddy?"

As members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, we love and wear the White Ribbon Bow. Anna Gordon said:

- 1—It is a blessed bond of fellowship.
- 2—It is a plea for purity of life.
- 3—It is a pledge of total abstinence.
- 4—It is a prayer for home protection.
- 5—It predicts a safe path for children's feet.

6—It prophecies the coming of Christ's brotherhood in all hearts, all homes, all governments."

(Editor's note: The above contains excerpts from the annual address of the Mississippi President of the WCTU. We are indebted to Mrs. R. L. Ezelle of Jackson for this report.)